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Milton wind decision could come Dec. 12

By ALISON ALOISIO

The fate of Milton Township as a potential location for wind power development might be decided Dec. 12 at a meeting of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission, when it will consider whether to keep Milton in the "expedited" process for reviewing specific wind project applications.

That decision may turn largely on the perceived impact of wind towers on scenic and recreational resources in the area, according to a Nov. 3 memorandum from LUPC staff that outlines guidelines for making the decision.

BACKGROUND

The township, like others in Maine, is currently under the expedited (also known as fast track) approval process format, by-

passing what would otherwise be a rezoning step by the LUPC.

Any wind project would still be reviewed by the Department of Environmental Protection.

But a new law allows UT residents to petition for removal of their township, or parts of it, from the expedited process, thus adding the LUPC step.

A petition from Milton residents in January requested that, but subsequently a property owner requested a "substantive review" of the petition.

A wind power company, EverPower Maine LLC, has put up a meteorological test tower in the area of Bryant and Chamberlain mountains in Milton to gather information for a potential 9-to-12-tower, 40

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Bethel to try Strategic Plan; senior rides program starts

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen Monday directed Town Manager Christine Landes to pursue an experimental Strategic Plan for the town, using the Highway Department as the first area of focus.

The move replaces, at least for now, an update to the town's existing Comprehensive Plan.

The idea to change to a Strategic Plan originated earlier this year, after some businesspeople expressed concern that the Comprehensive Plan might lead to restrictive ordinances. A CP is required for towns to substantiate impact fee ordinances, such as Bethel's sewer ordinance. However, said Landes, the town may find a different approach for handling sewer costs that would not require an ordinance.

A Strategic Plan can be more targeted in setting goals, but can also include elements of a Comprehensive Plan. Selectboard Chairman Don Bennett said that crafting a strategic plan for upcoming years for the Highway Department could provide a roadmap for applying the

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Neuroscientist turned crime novelist to visit Bethel Library

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Writer Anne Morin of Rumford Center will read from and discuss her work at the Bethel Library on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Morin's first book, "Experiment One: Murder in the Lab," is a scientific crime novel in which Los Angeles Detective Brandell Young and neuroscientist Yvette Bilodeau team up to solve the case of a young research assistant found murdered at his lab bench.

Her second novel, "Experiment Two: Murder in

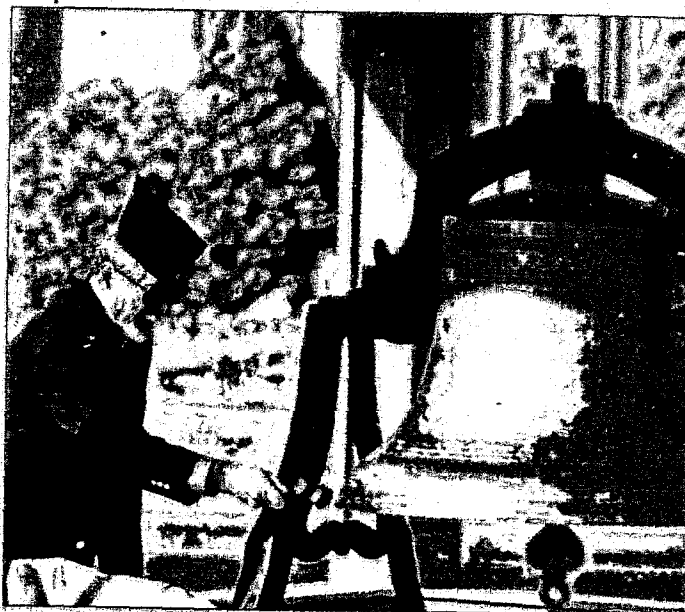
Seaview," is due out later this fall. It features the same protagonists in a different venue—coastal Maine—where they reunite by chance and work together to solve the schoolyard killing of a little girl in broad daylight.

"They have both moved to Maine, unbeknownst to the other," Morin said.

"Yvette has moved to Mount Desert Island to do DNA research. By the end of the chapter, they're working on a case together."

In plotting her books,

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BETHEL BRINGS BACK VETERANS DAY CEREMONY—About three dozen people braved a stiff wind Friday to attend a renewal after many years of Bethel's Veterans Day observance, held on the Common and organized by Mundt Allen American Legion Post 81. Clockwise, from top left: Legionnaire Dan Whitman strikes the Common bell 11 times at precisely 11 a.m., commemorating the Armistice that ended World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918; the flag stands nearly horizontal in the wind as Mike Charron, NESTA Littlefield and Whitman listen to a speaker; the audience on the Common. Speakers included Charron and Bethel Town Manager Christine Landes.

A. Aloisio

WES teacher finalist for Presidential Award

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Woodstock Elementary School fifth grade teacher Tonya Prentice has been chosen as a finalist for the 2016 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. SAD 44 Superintendent David Murphy told the School Board at its meeting Monday.

Prentice is one of three Maine finalists in science for the award, the highest recognition given to a K-12

mathematics or science teacher in the U.S.

"Tonya has worked really, really hard at bringing science opportunities to kids, not just at the Woodstock School, but through her work as a curriculum leader and working very closely with other members of the science committee," Murphy said.

Prentice told the board that the application process, which included preparing numerous docu-

ments and submitting a 45-minute video of a science lesson in her classroom, provided a valuable opportunity to reflect on her teaching methods.

"It was a really good process to go through, as I went through the video and I thought about everything I was doing within the district and within my classroom," she said, adding that she was able "to evaluate myself, and to think how I can improve

things and go to the next level."

Prentice's classroom video reflected how humans use engineering to change things around them to meet their needs.

"We focused on how, through the engineering process, sometimes there are negative and positive impacts," she said.

Each year, her students raise endangered Atlantic salmon in their classroom

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FIRST DEER AT AGE 7—Late Monday afternoon Brennan Walker, 7, of Bethel shot his first deer while hunting with his family in Bethel. On Tuesday morning he tagged the 156-pound buck at Bethel Bait Tackle & More in Bethel. Pictured are, from left: Donny, Nathan, Bryce, Brody, Brennan and Bryson Walker.

Submitted photo

EARLY AD DEADLINE
Due to the Thanksgiving holiday,
The Bethel Citizen will be
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Because of the short production time, we've moved our
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Friday, November 18 at 12 Noon
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Letters

WALK THE BINGHAM GYM PROGRAM BEGINS

To the Editor:

As the days shorten and walking outside becomes more difficult, getting enough exercise is hard to do. If you like to walk, here is an opportunity to do it safely and in the company of others.

Thanks to the generosity of Gould Academy, in coordination with the Age-Friendly Community Initiative (AFCI), and the Bethel Recreation Department, the Bingham Gym will be open to all adults aged 55 and over in the greater Bethel area for walking twice a week.

The Bingham Gym will be open for walking on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Come on in to walk in the warm, well-lit space of the basketball court. You do not need to pre-register, but you will need to sign a waiver of liability when you attend the first time.

A member of the AFCI Winter Exercise Task Force will be present at the gym when it is open for our use. If you like to walk to music, we recommend that you bring an iPod/iPhone, and earbuds.

While the focus will be on walking at your own pace, there will be guest leaders who will offer exercise tips and instruction in qi gong, walking meditation, and the use of light weights, depending on the interests of participants. Suggestions for other activities are welcome.

The program will begin on Tuesday, Nov. 29. The gym will be open at 1:30 p.m. on that day and on Dec. 1, 6 and 8. Because of Academy activities we will take a break and begin the Tuesday-Thursday schedule again on Jan. 10.

No need to become a couch potato because of ice and snow-covered walks! Help yourself stay fit this winter and participate in this new opportunity.

The AFCI Winter Exercise Task Force: Eliza Barnes, Jackie Cressy, Judy Whitman

VETERANS' DAY

To the Editor:

Few besides Jesus Christ and uncounted Veterans have demonstrated so much love for their fellow man/woman that they sacrificed their own lives so that others might live.

Richard Grover Mason

SUNDAY RIVER AWARDS \$23,600

To the Editor:

The Advisory Committee for the Sunday River Community Fund met recently to review grant requests from local organizations dedicated to enhancing our community. We are very pleased to announce that our committee awarded a total of \$23,600 to the following groups to help in their efforts to improve the quality of life for our friends and neighbors:

SAD 44 - \$4,000 in support of their CMCC program, helping families pay for some of the unsupported costs associated with the program.

Bethel Historical Society - \$3,000 in support of their general fund.

Mahoosuc Pathways - \$3,000 toward their efforts to add cross-country skiing, fat biking and other trail amenities connecting Sunday River Resort to Bingham Forest.

Hope Association - \$4,000 to help build a new Briar Patch Greenhouse.

Mahoosuc Land Trust - \$3,000 in support of their Nature Play series for the kids in the Rumford, Mexico and Woodstock schools.

Gilead Historical Society - \$2,600 to help build a new adaptive access ramp to their railroad station.

Greater Rumford Community Center - \$4,000 to repaint their building.

The next deadline for grant requests is March 15. We encourage charitable organizations in the Sunday River area, including Newry, Bethel, Hanover, Andover, Rumford, Mexico, Dixfield, Greenwood, Woodstock, Albany, and Gilead, to apply. For more information and guidelines, please visit sundayriver.com/community-fund.

*Sunday River Community Fund Advisory Council
Joe Aloisio, Chair (Albany); Jill Rathbun, Vice Chair (Newry); Becky Bean, Treasurer/Secretary (Hanover); Heidi Thibodeau (Rumford); David Murphy (Bethel); Allen Connors (Bethel)*

MILTON WIND ISSUE

To the Editor:

Last Wednesday the 9th of November, four of seven members of the Land Use Planning Commission said they favored keeping Milton in the expedited wind development process (fast track). One commissioner was absent and one commissioner position vacant. This vote was in spite of the votes by the elected officials of Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock, Peru and the 17 citizens of Milton who requested by petition to be removed from fast track.

How could the wishes of those who live in our community be so ignored? A formal vote will be held on Dec. 12, because the law requires five commissioners be in favor of the action.

The consequences of a vote to leave Milton in fast track will be that local community views on scenic values and regional character will NOT be taken into account in the next round of permitting by the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection. One can not help but feel that we who live here are of less value than others from away like the majority of land owners who live in New York, Massachusetts or in other parts of the state, who have most to gain financially by leasing their land for wind towers and do not live in our community. Likewise, the wind energy goes south and does not stay in Maine. Likewise, Ever Power of Pennsylvania, the developer, owned by a European private equity firm will receive tax benefits (your taxes) also going south and overseas.

There are places where wind can be exploited without running rough shod over the community. Milton should not be one of them.

*Dwayne Bennett, Bethel
Tracy King, Milton,
Peter Feitchko, Woodstock*

PLEASE PLANT PERENNIALS

To the Editor:

We are the Bethel Brickmasters, maybe you have heard of our team. We are a team for the "FLL or First Lego League" and this letter is for our project. The theme this year is "Animal Allies" and what that means is that we have to find a good human-animal relationship, study it, and find a solution to a possible problem. The animal that we have chosen is a bee, and the problem that we have chosen is how we can stop CCD or Colony Collapse Disorder.

The reason we are writing this letter to you is because we need more people in town to grow flowers and this is the perfect time to plant perennials for the bees. The perennials would help by giving the bees more food for the spring and winter. One of the causes of CCD is the lack of food so giving them even a little bit more would be super helpful.

Thank you.

*Bethel Brickmasters
Ellie and Gavin Williams, Izac and Dylan Greenberg, David Tripp, Corrine Nivus,
Utah Bean, Eli Shifrin, Chelsea Duclos, and Julius Woods*

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Editor:

If you support the GOP platform then I congratulate you on winning all three branches of government, but I have to ask, is this is truly what you wanted? These are all in the official GOP platform or stated goals of the Trump campaign. Members of Congress and Trump and his team cannot wait to enact them. The Supreme Court will be dominated by conservative justices for a generation, making all the other changes much simpler.

Same-sex marriage will be outlawed on a national level.

A woman's right to choose will end.

Banks will be deregulated.

Social Security will be cut, or even eliminated.

The rich will get more tax breaks.

Medicare will be cut or repealed. The initial proposal is to privatize it.

Obamacare will be repealed and insurance companies will once again be able to deny coverage. Millions will lose coverage or be forced back into do nothing policies.

All of these will lead to another major recession, possibly a depression as people's pensions are already tanking with stock jitters worldwide caused by this election, but other actions listed here will certainly help to assure it.

Stop consumer protections and repeal environmental laws.

There will be no action on climate change.

Legalize anti-LGBT protections.

NATO will be crippled or disbanded (Putin rushed to congratulate Trump, and why wouldn't he?).

Loosen already weak campaign finance laws to allow more dark money.

Oil drilling, fracking, and pipelines will get tax benefits and government subsidies.

We are likely to end up in a war with Iran and possibly Syria.

Block stem cell research.

Oppose efforts to end the Electoral College.

Block labeling of GMOs in our food.

Build the Keystone XL pipeline.

Expand fracking and burying nuclear waste.

Give internet service providers monopoly control.

Require Bible Study and enforced prayer in public schools, and move to privatize all of them.

Expand our private prison system.

Allow more suppression of the free press.

Dramatically increase the Pentagon budget.

Oh, and they are already moving forward with a plan to privatize all public lands and National Parks and Monuments.

None of this GOP wish list seemed realistic until they took control of our entire government. If you did not want any or all of this, then you should have paid closer attention. There will be no way to blame Democrats for any of what is coming. Thanks for that.

*Chandler McGrew
Bethel*

IN PRAISE OF LETTERS

To the Editor

The letters by Jane Ryerson, Brenda Stickney, and Richard Grover in the Nov 3 Citizen are by far among the very best I have ever read in presenting the facts as to why this country is spiraling downward in the hands of the Democratic Party, whose leaders envision themselves as all-knowing, above the laws, and not an ounce of corruption possessed by anyone within their ranks.

This morning, Nov. 3, candidate Hillary Clinton jumped up and down about the Cubs winning the World Series and proclaiming she was raised in a Chicago suburb. That could well explain her predisposition to gather riches through corruption from observing how the political machinery fills the pockets of those taking up that profession. Clearly then, it is time for all dictionaries to reduce their definitions of "arrogant," "corrupt," and "untrustworthy" to a simple three words: Hillary Rodham Clinton. Save a lot of reading.

By Nov. 10, we will know who won the election. I pray it is not her, so that this slide towards the abyss this country has been heading for during the last eight years will be averted, and our grandchildren and great grandchildren can grow up in a nation once again strong, prosperous, and respected by the world.

*John R. Davis
South Paris*

EARLY NEWS DEADLINE for next week's paper: The Citizen will be published a day early next week (Nov. 23) because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Individuals and organizations are asked to submit their items by Sunday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m. Thank you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. Letters should be limited to 400 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit.

Send your letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109.

Fax: 824-2426, E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: A mute swan appeared in a small pond in Woodstock, drawing much attention from passers-by. The Bethel Water District extended its pipeline by about 1,000 feet along Rt. 2 in Mayville.

Deaths: Arthur S. Pingree, Freda Mae Stevens, Florence M. Kraft, Ralph Owen Merrill, Helena R. Oldman, Robert A. Coffin, Lillian Fuller Rose, Wilmer Toth, Leonard P. Entin, Brenda T. Wodka.

20 years ago: The high price of heating oil (\$1.049 per gallon) had increased the demand for firewood which was selling for \$110-\$120 per cord.

The Windy Valley Snowmobile Club completed construction of the 105-foot suspension bridge over the Bear River in Newry.

Birth: Courtney Ann Currier.

Deaths: Roswell F. Allen, Rena M. Powers, Alexina Leonia Cronin, Viola M. James.

30 years ago: The Bethel Planning Board voted to accept the plan for the Eden Ridge subdivision.

The first annual EBS/CPS craft fair was a big success netting \$541.66 to be used for school activities.

Birth: Kyle Robert Mitchell.

Deaths: Clarence W. Rand, Frances J. Millett, Bernice E. Bachelder, Edwin W. Russell, Robert F. Bean.

40 years ago: One and a half miles of trails serviced by a mile-long double chair were open daily at Sunday River Skiway.

A group of Telstar seniors participated in an Interview Skills Workshop run by run by English teacher Helen Berry and guidance intern James Roy.

Births: Heather Marie Davis, Benjamin Tobias Bartlett.

50 years ago: Twelve members of the Junior and Senior MYF visited the Job Corp Center at Poland Spring. They were accompanied by Mrs. Betty Robertson and Rev. Donald Hess.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuzyk and Miss Frances Carter had moved into their recently purchased home on Chapman Street.

Deaths: Verna K. Carter, George Meisner.

60 years ago: Laurence Bartlett was recovering from a broken wrist received when he jumped from his truck as a bridge gave way.

Seventy-three deer had been tagged in Newry up to Nov. 14.

Birth: Cathy Ann Littlefield.

Deaths: Mrs. Elizabeth W. Carson, Guy A. Smith.

70 years ago: Mr. & Mrs. Dana Brooks moved into their recently purchased home in Kimball Park.

A sprinkler system was installed in one of the Bethel Inn garages.

Death: Dr. Anson H. Kendall.

80 years ago: The Townsend Club held a meeting at Bethaven Inn.

Oxford County Farm Bureau reported a membership of 969 men and women.

Deaths: Mrs. Mattie George, Mrs. Alice P. Holt.

90 years ago: A. Van Den Kerckhoven erected a greenhouse by his residence on Brighton Avenue (now Elm Street).

W. B. Wight and sons were sawing long lumber at their mill in North Newry.

Death: A. F. Warren.

110 years ago: Mr. J. C. Swan caught a very fat coon weighing 16 pounds.

Mr. E. S. Kilborn, President of the Bethel National Bank sold his stock in the bank and tendered his resignation.

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EBS REPORT UPDATE

To the Editor:

The following documents regarding the Ethel Bisbee School have been attached to the General Building Inspection Report and uploaded to the Bethel website for public viewing:

Repair costs estimate - for EBS from Stephen Sprague of Estimate Busters (207) 319-8129 www.estimatebusters.com has graciously provided these repair cost estimates for EBS at no charge to the Town of Bethel. Estimate Busters is a service company that provides owners, buyers, contractors, developers and handyman services accurate detailed estimates for remodeling and repair projects. All costs are adjusted to each local community.

CEO letter - from Jeff Warden, the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) and Local Plumbing Inspector (LPI) for the Town of Bethel e-mail: ceo@bethelmaine.org Office: 207-824-2669. Anyone considering converting this structure for a specific type of occupancy should consult with the CEO for requirements regarding that type of occupancy.

Inspection agreement - between Accu-Pro Inspections, LLC and the Town of Bethel, signed electronically by Christine Landes as the Town Manager, for the General Building Inspection of the Ethel Bisbee School.

Paid invoice - for the services provided.

To view the inspection report and above mentioned documents please go to <http://accu-proinspections.com> and click on the "Ethel Bisbee School Report." The "Repair Cost Estimates" and "CEO Letter" will be found in the "Attachments" section of the report.

Gary "Bo" Boden, Accu-Pro Inspections, LLC
Bethel

Wind

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megawatt project, prompting local concerns. Parts of Woodstock, Greenwood and Bethel are near the location.

But EverPower has said if Milton were removed from the expedited process, a wind project there would no longer be financially viable because of the added cost of more steps. The company has also defended the DEP process, saying it is very comprehensive and public.

In August the LUPC held a public hearing at the Bethel Inn as part of the substantive review process. Property owners who would benefit from involvement in the potential project through leasing their land spoke in favor of keeping the expedited process, but many neighbors favored the additional review, citing concerns about scenic, recreational, noise and environmental impact.

CRITERIA FOR LUPC DECISION

There are two criteria the LUPC commissioners consider in their decision: The proposed removal will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on the state's ability to meet the state goals for wind energy development; The proposed removal is consistent with the principal values and the goals in the comprehensive land use plan adopted by the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

A written LUPC overview of the substantive review process notes that regarding state wind energy goals, a potential wind site "that has the potential for exceptional power generation, even though wind power development might have some impacts on public resources or existing uses, could be the type of place the commission would find provides significant value towards achieving the state's goals. Removal of this type of place from the expedited area might have an unreasonable adverse effect on the state's ability to meet its goals."

Among some of the land use goals listed by the LUPC overview are conserve and protect scenic,

agricultural, forest, historical, recreational and plant and animal habitat resources; guide the location of new development in order to protect and conserve forest, recreational, plant or animal habitat and other natural resources, to ensure the compatibility of land uses with one another and to allow for a reasonable range of development opportunities important to the people of Maine, including property owners and residents of the unorganized and deorganized townships; and encourage economic development that is connected to local economies, utilizes services and infrastructure efficiently, is compatible with natural resources and surrounding uses, particularly natural resource-based uses, and does not diminish the jurisdiction's principal values.

WEIGHING VALUES

The Nov. 3 LUPC memo outlines the issues and criteria for consideration specifically for Milton, and provides a "staff assessment" comment for each.

Among the points made: The Milton location, due in part to wind conditions and proximity of transmission infrastructure, is a suitable one for wind development.

Considerable progress remains to be made toward the state's wind energy goal for 2030, and that need weighs in favor of keeping Milton in the expedited category.

Wind development is not likely to have a direct impact on a bat hibernaculum located within a few miles of the potential development site, because the risk of collisions with wind turbines will be a seasonal migration one for the cave-dwelling bats, who make up a small percentage of turbine-related mortalities. The risk can be further reduced by curtailing turbine operation during certain conditions.

Regarding scenic impacts, while projects located outside the expedited areas must demonstrate they will fit harmoniously with their surroundings, projects within it must

demonstrate they will not significantly impact views from only certain types of scenic resources - those of state or national significance. Most of those identified in the Milton area (Bucks Ledge, Lapham Ledge, Mt. Zircon, Moody Mountain, Androscoggin River Trail, local ponds) do not meet the definition.

However, the memo said, "Staff believes that Milton and the surrounding communities have scenic resources and that those resources, based on credible testimony in the record, are of local and regional significance. The outstanding question for the Commission is whether the scenic resources are of 'high value' and, therefore, warrant protection."

And, "due to the relationship between the recreational resources and scenic views, there is a direct correlation between the value of and any potential adverse impacts to scenic resources, and the recreational resource values in Milton."

"Key goals that staff believes are particularly important... are the goals for recreational and scenic resources. Staff believes the decision on whether removal of Milton from the expedited area would be consistent with these two goals is a close call."

For the complete LUPC memo on the Milton issue go to www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/projects/wind/expedited_area/windexpedited_miltonwtp_substantivereview.html

The LUPC considered the Milton issue at its Nov. 9 meeting, according to Stacie Beyer, LUPC chief planner, but a final decision was not made. Four of the seven commissioners present informally indicated they supported keeping Milton in the expedited category, she said, but for final action five commissioners must be in favor of a decision.

The Dec. 12 commission meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. at Jeff's Catering, 15 Littlefield Way in Brewer.

Crime

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Morin relies on her 25 years as chief of the neuroscience lab at the VA Medical Center in Los Angeles, where she also taught at the UCLA School of Medicine.

Her novels are infused with scientific evidence and methodology, much of it related to the DNA research that was her specialty as a neuroscientist, and she has chosen to feature scientific images on the covers.

For example, she said, the weblike images on the cover of "Experiment One: Murder in the Lab" are actually blood-spattered cortical neurons.

Another hallmark of Morin's writing is her emphasis on strong female and minority characters, a reflection of her years in the Los Angeles area, as well as her career in a once male-dominated field.

Although she began writing her first novel more than a decade ago, while still working as a neuroscientist, she had to put it aside to keep up with the writing of grants and scientific papers that was part of her career.

She became serious about completing the book after joining a Rumford writing group three years ago.

The group meets monthly, and each member reads from a work in progress, bringing copies for the others to critique.

The challenge kept Morin

on task.

"I had to write new material for each meeting," she said.

Returning to her roots Although she embraced her life in California, Morin's New England roots run deep. Her mother was from Rumford, and her father from Berlin, NH.

She grew up spending summers at a family camp on Roxbury Pond, where she and her husband, Barry Allen, now own a camp that formerly belonged to Morin's great-aunt.

Allen is a Rumford native whose family also spent summers on the pond.

"We were children together on Roxbury Pond," Morin said, "and we met again when I came to visit my parents at their cottage in 1991."

They were married less than a year later, and spent the first decade of their marriage "going back and forth between California and Maine," she said.

Allen has grown children and grandchildren in Maine, and eventually the pull of family ties prevailed.

In 2001, the couple bought an 1829 farmhouse on the Andover Road in Rumford Center and converted it into a bed-and-breakfast, where they welcome guests year-round.

Although it was hard to leave behind her career, friends, and volunteer ac-

tivities in California, Morin said, "I really love the seasons, and the B&B has brought us a never-ending parade of interesting people."

She prepares a full breakfast for her guests each morning in her large farmhouse kitchen, where she showcases and sells a variety of hand-made items from local craftspeople and artists, as well as honey from the bees she and Allen keep.

Morin spends one evening a week in a biology lab at Mountain Valley High School, where she teaches Anatomy and Physiology for the University of Maine's University College.

She has also recently designed and begun teaching a free four-session course called "Science for Seniors" at the Rumford Library.

Each session focuses on a different aspect of science, and the course has attracted more than a dozen participants eager to plunge into scientific methodology and exploration.

Despite staying busy, Morin makes writing a priority. She is already plotting her third scientific crime novel, set to take place in familiar surroundings—the western Maine mountains.

For more information about Morin's Nov. 30 reading, call the Bethel Library at 824-2520.



Anne Morin will read from and discuss her work at the Bethel Library on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

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"I'm turning 65 in a few months.
What do I do?"

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process to other departments and functions of the town.

Selectman Peter Southam said his only reservation on putting the Comprehensive Plan aside is that it might be more difficult to see how "it all fits together."

Resident Al Cressy, who served on the first Comprehensive Plan committee years ago, said that after the plan was developed ordinance language was written "to enforce what was in the plan." He said that 90 percent of the plan's objectives were completed within five years. He said the process had led to such programs as the recent Heart and Soul effort and the Age Friendly Community project.

"I think it's important to make sure whoever works on this understands what's going on in the community in terms of visioning," said Cressy.

RIDES PROGRAM STARTS

On the subject of the Age Friendly Community project, Cressy reported to the board on the start up last week of a rides program for area residents.

The program provides free medical and nonmedical transportation services to seniors 60 or older.

Phase 1 began Nov. 7 with three confirmed rides, six other rides for Maine Adaptive Sports clients, and many other phone calls Cressy said.

He said the calls were people who were not calling for specific ride appointments, but wanted information for possible future use of the service.

Cressy also said the Bethel Family Health Center has a "built-in clientele"

that needs rides to appointments.

Selectman Andy Whitney, who is also a deputy with the Oxford County Sheriff's Department, said it would be good to provide the OCSD and Bethel Rescue with rides information, because those emergency personnel "come across people who need rides all the time."

Fifteen volunteer drivers have been recruited.

The program, funded by grants and area towns, was established in cooperation with Community Concepts. Cressy said he hopes the program will be sustainable beyond the current two-year funding.

He said a possible Phase II might include utilizing non-Community Concepts-certified drivers under a "Neighbor to Neighbor" effort.

For more information on the rides program call 824-4444.

In other business Monday, Landes said preliminary work has begun at the Bethel Airport for a lighting upgrade project. Progress on the work will be dependent on the weather, she said.

Southam said he had spoken with state Rep. Fran Head, who he said told him she is thinking of sponsoring legislation to reconstruct Route 5 in Bethel and down to the Vernon Street intersection in Albany. He said Head told him a letter of support from Bethel selectmen would be helpful. The board decided to consider it at their next meeting, when they also hope to have more information on Head's plans.



Inside the newly opened Farmer's Market & Taps at Park Plaza customers can food shop, take a coffee break or meet friends for a craft beer. See Bennett Bethel column for more.

D. Bennett

Bethel

By DON BENNETT



New at Parkway Plaza

Farmers Market & Taps is the new

business that opened recently in the space vacated by Maine Real Estate. Barbara Dumont, Felicia Dumont, and Quinton Stevens-Palmer have opened a grocery store and pub. They offer coffee and espresso, gourmet sandwiches, local groceries, soups and salads, local and organic wines and craft beer. They are open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. - lovely table arrangements where you can enjoy the morning coffee and the sun. See their web page at <http://www.farmersmarketandtaps.com/>

Holiday gatherings - without the cooking

Good Food Store and Catering Company is a good choice if you have a family gathering coming up. They have a main menu of 40 options and also offer chef services. For two of my Gould class reunion gatherings at our house my classmate, Sandy Seaver lined up a Good Food meal delivered and laid out buffet style.

Saturday morning I stuck my head into the Good Food Catering department and saw lots of activity. The catering part of Good Food was included in the overall store make-over this summer.

Veterans Day
As most here would agree, Veterans Day was cold and windy. I counted maybe 30 brave souls attending the Legion pro-

gram on the Common.

For the first Veterans Day in 1954 after President Eisenhower had signed off on changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day, I was in my third week of basic training at Fort Dix, NJ. I don't remember anything special happening that day.

How Bethel responded to the 11 November 1918 announcement of an armistice is an item of information I will have to look up. Probably there was a large public celebration.

According to a roster compiled by Jane Ryerson, 134 Bethel and Albany residents served during World War I. George Mundt was one of those serving; he was killed in action. When the Bethel American Legion Post was formed in April 1920, it was named for Mundt as the George A. Mundt Legion Post 81. Dr. Raymond Tibbets was elected post commander. The new Legion post had 21 members. Many of Bethel men those serving in World War I were well known and active while I was going to school here in the 1940's and 50's.

Before Telstar - Bethel High School began here in 1835

Bethel School District 15's school building (today's Bethel Inn Pines guest house) saw the first Bethel High School classes held here before they moved to the Bethel House (near today's Opera House condos) and then as Bethel Academy to the new 1836 Academy building on Church Street. The District 15 building was divided into Bethel Hill (village) primary and grammar school grades.

In January 1914, the

school house building and lot in Bethel's School District 15 was sold by Eben S. Kilborn to Bingham. The school house used for years as a barn, and then a garage and workshop before eventually becoming a guest cottage in the 1940's called first "The Park," after Ellery Park, and then "The Pines."

Another local factor that goes along with the current news of the Valentine estate and the Mahosuc Land Trust move to Richard Valentine's house, Charles Valentine (grandfather of Richard and Mary Valentine) was a teacher at the District 15 School in 1887 and 88.

The other Bethel village school was District 31 whose school house, located on Mechanic Street, and it stands today as a private home.

Progress but still much to do at the future Brian's. When I looked in last week, a section of the floor had tile laid out with much more to come. In general, the work going on appeared to be still at the plywood and paneling stage not yet ready for painting, papering, and trim.

Sunday River skiing conditions

Sunday River's Facebook page reported that they had 191 snow guns going at Aurora Ridge and Barker, but no opening date has been reported. With the weather forecast for the week of November 14 to 19 showing daily highs in the low 50's opening this week seems doubtful.

The Plaisted Barn

Early in the week "the barn" had left for Albany or was no longer on its foundation.

Award

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for release into the wild.

"As we traced the route that our fish would have to take from the Androscoggin to the ocean, we encountered 15 barriers along the way" in the form of dams, some of which are equipped with fish ladders or fish elevators to enable the fish to return to their spawning grounds, Prentice said.

Students designed and constructed models of hydropower dams and discussed the positive and negative impacts of their projects on the environment.

"The kids were very involved in it, and I felt like it was a real-world connection for them," Prentice said.

She said the process helped her students to realize that "everything they do is impacting the environment around them."

WES Principal Jolene Littlehale, who nominated Prentice for the award, said her impact on science education extends beyond the school district.

"She serves on committees for the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, which is an amazing organization that she works very closely with, and she has been asked to sit on panels for the state science teachers' meetings," Littlehale said.

She credited Prentice's dedication to science education for the high science scores attained by students at WES, Crescent Park School, and Telstar Middle School on last spring's MEA tests.

Raising test scores and student engagement "takes dedication like Tonya's to get the kids excited about science, and to teach the teachers" throughout the district, Littlehale said.

Earlier this year, Prentice was selected by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute to receive its 2016 Kevin McCarthy Education Innovation award, in recognition of her students' participation in GMRI's LabVenture! program and her dedication to the integration of science throughout the curriculum.

Staff changes and presentations

Murphy told the School Board he had accepted the resignation of Telstar High School science teacher April Cook, who was hired for the position in August, effective at the beginning of December.

The position has been posted and applications have been received.

Kathleen Collins has been hired as the district's part-time special education di-

rector and is working on an hourly basis for an average of two days per week.

Murphy announced the following coaching appointments.

Telstar Middle School: David Berry, head girls' basketball coach; Tim O'Connor, head boys' basketball coach; James Cobb, assistant girls' basketball coach; Steve Pelletier, assistant boys' basketball coach; Meghan McCarthy, alpine skiing; Chris Barstow and Fred Bailey, Nordic skiing.

Telstar High School: Michael Clarke Pelletier, head boys' basketball coach; Brian Mills, head girls' basketball coach; Aaron Bean, JV boys' basketball coach; Kevin Hawthorne, alpine skiing; Sarah Southam and Wade Kavanaugh, Nordic skiing.

Directors received an update from Littlehale on the district's compliance with Title IX requirements and the McKinney-Vento Act, which provides educational stability for students who become homeless.

THS Principal Cheryl Lang reported on the work of the district's Dropout Prevention Committee.

The board unanimously accepted the committee's ten-point plan, which includes a commitment to professional development for academic staff in the areas of learning styles and alternative approaches to instruction, a system of academic recovery and remediation, and a focus on advising and advocacy.

The plan also addresses school culture and calls for activities to aid transition between grade levels and schools, as well as an increased emphasis on programs designed to foster student engagement, such as expeditionary learning and outdoor leadership education.

Following an executive session to consider negotiations for individual contract positions, Murphy said via email that the School Board voted to set the FY 17 salary for THS Dean of Students Kristin Dacko at \$60,548, and to extend her annual contract from 202 days to 220 days.

Directors also voted to set the salary for Central Office Administrative Assistant Robin Gundersen at \$46,000 for FY 17 and requested that her job description be revised to better reflect her current level of responsibility.

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I'm not a big fan of this time of the year. The temperature is going down and the expense of heating my house is going up. The beautiful red, yellow and orange of the fall foliage have now turned to drab brown and before we know it, the trees will be covered in white.

In spite of my complaints about late autumn, there is one thing I really do like and that's going to an orchard's cider house/bakery and there are quite a few to choose from, though I do have my favorite.

The minute you enter the cider house/bakery the mixture of aromas envelope you. You can smell the crisp apples, the apple cider, fresh fall produce and oh my word, donuts frying in deep fat. You just can't beat that smell.

I don't know how anyone can resist the donuts. Judging from the long lines of people waiting to buy them few people have the strength to resist.

I'll wait however long it takes then buy a dozen of warm donuts and a jug of cold cider. As soon as I can get to my car that donut bag is ripped open and my husband and I become a couple of gluttons. I'd feel a little guilty about it, but a quick look at the parking lot reveals a lot of oth-

er people doing the same thing.

What a wonderful creation the donut is. They were actually developed by the Dutch in the 16th century. They were called olykoek, which translates to oil cake.

The Pilgrims learned how to make these delicious oil cakes when they stopped in Holland on

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their way to the new country, also known as America. Because the Dutch treat was about the size of a walnut the Pilgrims, not fluent in Dutch, call the dough nuts.

Like so many things in America we were not content with walnut size dough nuts and they got bigger and bigger. Unfortunately the larger size

was more difficult to fry without either burning them or causing them to be soggy with grease in the middle.

I have to admit that I do tend to like things a little greasy like French fries, potato chips and fried chicken, but soggy grease in the middle of a donut just doesn't appeal to me.

Right about now you're thinking, "Wait a minute, donuts have a hole in the middle." You are so right, but until 1847 they did not.

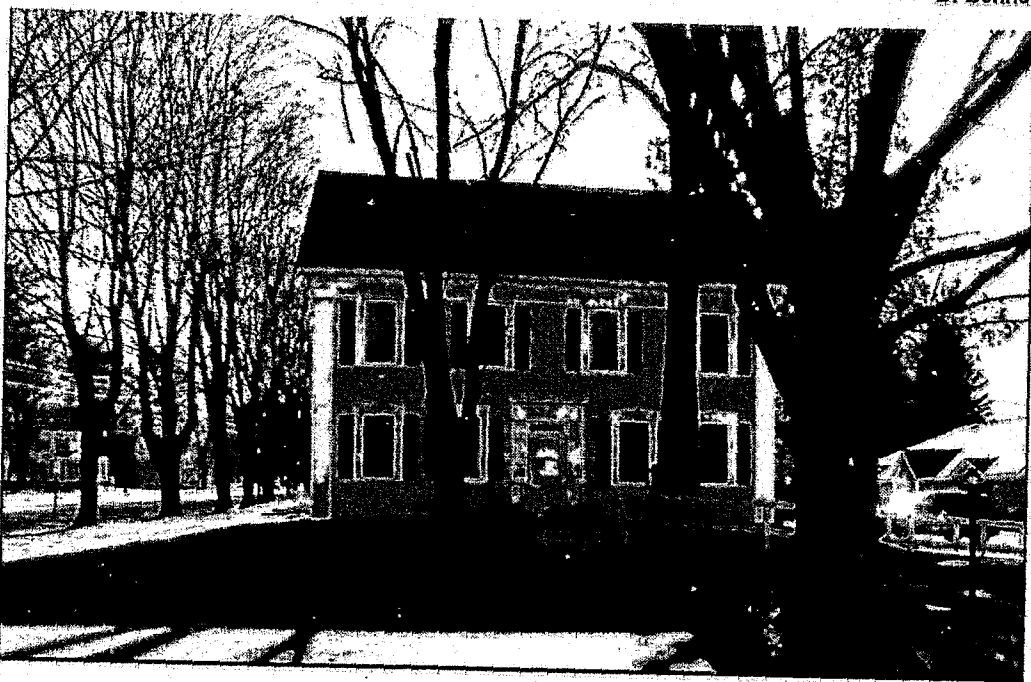
It may please you to know that a Mainer, Hanson Gregory of Rockport didn't like soggy centers any more than I would. One day when his mother was getting ready to fry some donuts Hanson took a wooden spoon and with the handle started poking holes in them. This worked out so well that his mother bragged to all her lady friends and the next thing you know all donuts started having holes in the middle.

There is even a bronze plaque somewhere in Rockport in honor of Hanson Gregory and his invention of the donut hole. That just goes to show you, or at least the way I see it, only in America can someone be honored and find a place in history for creating a hole.

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The interior work in progress to convert the former S.S. Milton on Main Street in Bethel to the new "Brian's."



The Bethel Inn Pines guest house building probably housed the first Bethel High School classes in 1835. Nathaniel True was principal and teacher. The first class "commenced in the old school house" and had 35 students. See Bethel Bennett column for more.

Bethel

By LINDA HOWE



Hello, Bethel Citizens Readers - This past Saturday Bethel Masonic Lodge #30 held the first annual Hunter's Breakfast. Proceeds from this breakfast benefited Books for Bikes program. Elementary age students in SAD44 and RS10/Mountain Valley Region all have the opportunity to earn chances for a drawing held at the end of the school year for a bicycle with a boy and girl winner. Students earn chances by reading books. Bicycles make a great extrinsic reward that can be the motivator for a child to discover the joys of reading. Thank you to the Masons for providing a valuable community service for our town. The next breakfast will be held on Molyocket Day, Saturday, July 15 and the Masonic Lodge is located on 6 Chapman Street behind the Maine Gem Museum.

In the summer of 2014 Tennesseans John and Jeanette Poole discovered Bethel and liked it so much that they pursued

their dream of owning a Bed & Breakfast so on May 21, 2015 they closed on the Holidae House located on Main Street in Bethel. In a recent conversation, I learned that they had had many guests that live in different countries that have stayed at the Holidae House. The list is as such: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, England, Estonia, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Somalia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey and Wales which brings the total to 34 different countries passing through our little village. Not to forget the good old USA there were also guests from 45 states who found Bethel on the map as well. I learned that most folks use online sources such as Trip Advisor to find the Holidae House. What I found interesting was that many, many of the guests who visit Bethel all express the same sentiments to the Poole's on why they like the town. Bethel is an authentic mountain village with no big box stores,

chain restaurants, and huge neon signs. They also comment that Bethel has character with its many original buildings, Maine is Vacationland, and it appears that the world has discovered our little Mountain Village named Bethel. The first 17 months of owning a Bed and Breakfast has been a busy time for John and Jeanette Poole and congratulations to getting off to a terrific start. Your hard work has made your dream come true!

End of the second trimester ends in SAD 43 on Friday, Dec. 2 and Telstar Middle School will also hold an Activity Night at the School on Dec. 2 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mark your calendar for an upcoming rabies clinic held at the Bethel Fire Station on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The rabies shot will cost you \$16, to be paid with cash only. You also have an opportunity to license your dog with charges of \$6 for a spayed/neutered dog or \$11 regular cost to be paid to the Town of Bethel by check or cash. Folks who have news or events to share can reach me by calling 824-2328 or email - lhowe@gmail.com

From the OCSD

Patrol Log

Monday, Nov. 7

At 6:01 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney spoke with a Bethel resident about a burglary. The complainant just wanted the incident documented.

Thursday, Nov. 10

At 9:31 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to the West Bethel Road in Bethel for a report of a loose horse. The owners corralled the horse while the deputy was enroute.

At 2:39 p.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald assisted the Bethel Fire Department with a tractor trailer unit that was smoking.

At 7:26 p.m. Sgt. Matt Baker investi-

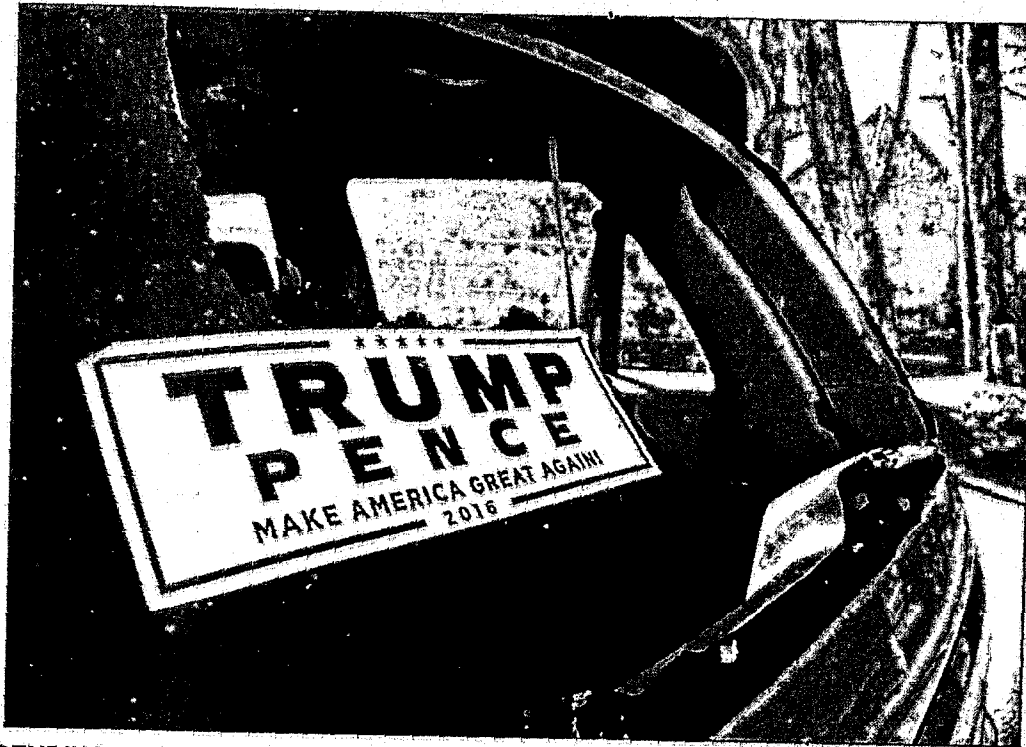
gated a harassment complaint on Route 232 in Bethel.

Friday, Nov. 11

At 10:10 a.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald stopped a vehicle for speeding and discovered the vehicle registration to be suspended. Gregory Lundgren, 52, of Livermore was summonsed for the offense.

Sunday, Nov. 13

At 1:30 a.m. Deputies Andy Whitney, Matt McDonnell and Derek MacDonald responded to an establishment on the Sunday River Road in Bethel for a report of a stabbing. A 37-year-old woman was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The incident was under investigation and was believed to be isolated, with no threat to the community.



SENDING A MESSAGE? Bob Schuesler of Bethel thought so. On Monday morning around 8 or 9 a.m. Schuesler parked his van on lower Church Street in Bethel while he took his dog for a walk. When he returned, his back window had been smashed in except for the portion where his Trump/Pence bumper sticker was located. Schuesler said he reported the incident to police, and that his insurance will cover the replacement of the window.

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West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL



My readers know me as a daughter, mom, and sister as well as a lover of all things green and growing. Today is Nov. 14, and I'm sitting writing, and my doors and windows are thrown open. The weather has been above normal; I think today I saw my outside temperature go above 64 degrees. My clothes dried quickly on the line, and the pesky flies are ping-pong at the window panes. My turnips are producing little white sassy bulbs and the spinach I planted late is dark and thick and sweet.

Speaking of sweet, my friends (the Western Mountain Senior College Players) are performing this Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. at the McLaughlin Science Center at Gould Academy. This is the 10th-anniversary celebration, and the players are planning some great performances. Come and enjoy a few vignettes of previous plays as well as a few surprises. Leave

all your troubles at the door and take pleasure in a fun filled exciting evening.

Today my grandson Walter (in Colorado) called to Face Time while he was eating his mashed potatoes and ground beef. Walter is almost nine months old and entertained me for a half hour. My, how different today's children have it. Walter knows sign language for hungry, tired, brush teeth, bed, and a few foods. Eva tries not to say "no" to Walter. If he's going to fall, she says "Bonkeroo." When Walter finds the toilet or garbage, he gets, "Yucky!" or "Dangerous!" I can't remember when my kids were that age if I said no or not...probably did.

Enjoy your week and keep your chin up.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



What a beautiful November day, this Monday the 14th. I still have my window open as I'm writing this at three in the

afternoon. We might as well enjoy it while we can, right?

You may recall me writing about a young lady from my hometown in Germany having made it to the Olympics with the gymnastics team.

This weekend I found out that another young lady, Laura Ritter, also from my hometown just earned her spot on the Voice of Germany: Hope she can take it all the way.

Arlene Harrington's sister, Charmaine, arrived on Nov. 4 for a week-long visit. As usual they had fun chit chatting, taking walks and staying out of trouble.

I would like to remind you that Chuck Haines still builds, repairs and cleans chimneys. So if you have any troubles, give him a call.

Please, call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinricheracker@gmail.com with your news, concerns, questions, and information.

Congratulations, Jarrod Crockett from the neighborhood for your successful election as Judge of Probate.

Till next week.

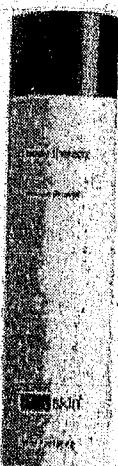
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Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Congratulations, Andy Barlow, on your 166-pound 8-pt buck this hunting season!

Keith Harrington is doing very well in his first semester of college and is currently on the Dean's List. He is attending Washington County Community College in Calais, where he is studying Heavy Equipment Maintenance. Congratulations, Keith, and keep your nose to the grindstone!

Hanover Election Results

As expected, the voter turnout in Hanover was high on Election Day with a total of 189 ballots cast. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers and staff who worked well into the evening until the polls were closed. Ballots were counted and tallied by 11 p.m.

The results for Hanover are as follows: Trump 85-Clinton 84; Cain 95-Poliquin 90; Keim 103-Patrick 83; Head 109-Pew 73; Crockett 115-Kreckel 68; Dilworth 159-unopposed; Duguay 160-unopposed; Question 1 (marijuana) 102 No-85 Yes; Question 2 (3% tax) 101 No-86 Yes; Question 3 (background checks) 115 No-73 Yes; Question 4 (min. wage) 104 Yes-83 No; Question 5 (ranked choice) 97 Yes-90 No; Question 6 (bond) 112 Yes-75 No.

Got news, comments, questions? Please email HanoverMeNews@gmail.com

Andover

By JANE RICH



As of Sunday morning, a total of 25 deer had been tagged at Mills Market tagging station.

The Maine DOT held a public hearing last night, (Wednesday) at the Town Hall regarding plans for the replacement of the Merrill Bridge which spans the Ellis River and leads to Route 120. I'll have more news about this next week.

This Saturday, Nov.

19 is Spirit of the Village day in Andover where you can patronize crafters and vendors on both floors of the Town Hall. This portion of the day's activities will benefit Andover Elementary School. At the same time, the First Congregational Church will be offering their annual Christmas Fair in the CEB. Meanwhile, the Town Artists Group will have their works on display and some for sale at the old Addie's Restaurant on Main Street. Susan Merrow will have her antique shop open, and all the businesses on Main Street which include Andover General, Mills Market, and the Little Red Hen will be participating in various ways. So come to Andover and join in the spirit of the holidays.

Two years ago in connection with the Artists Group first show a mystery was discovered when someone asked who painted the watercolor of the church which showed the building before the new addition and with the horse barns on. The people in the painting seemed to be dressed in 1950's attire. Wendy Hutchins and Pam Berry became detectives in trying to unravel this mystery. They discovered that previous information naming a painter was not correct and so they showed pictures of it to various artists and finally identified who the artist was, and at this point, I can't tell you who that is since I haven't received the final information, but it will be forthcoming. Wendy called me the other day to report on this which has consumed her free and not so free time for the last two years. It seems she'll have to find a new mystery in the local art world to solve.

TOWN OFFICE NEWS: At last week's Selectman's meeting, Marshall Melsner requested permission to decorate the bandstand for Christmas. Permission, of course, was given and we should all be grateful that Marshall and Vickie are continuing this wonderful project which beautifies our town and makes great pictures.

While this may seem to be an announcement too far ahead of an event, the Board would like the citizens to mark their calendar for Jan. 14. That's a Saturday morning at 10 a.m. for a special informational presentation entitled, "Understanding the Mysteries of Taxation and Re-evaluation." The presenters will be John O'Donnell of O'Donnell Associates and Vern Maxfield, Town Manager of Woodstock. The increase in taxes this year brought to the attention of the Selectmen that people do not understand how taxes are computed and the number of factors controlled by State Law, for instance, the sales ratio.

The town has been notified that there will be an increase in rates from the MMA Health Trust. A letter was signed by the Selectmen giving permission for the Maine Old Cemetery Association to hold a workshop in the spring at Woodlawn Cemetery.

At the annual Town Meeting, several persons were named to the Budget Committee. The first meeting was called for Nov. 9, and by that time all but one person had declined to serve in this capacity. That person and the three selectmen, along with the department heads, will formulate a budget for 2017. The first meeting of them will be on this Saturday, Nov. 19 at 9 a.m. in the Town Office. Anyone interested in joining the group is asked to please notify the Town Office before Saturday.

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By LIN CHAPMAN



All I can say is "Thank goodness the election is over!"

Now on to the weather. Last Friday, Veteran's Day, was a day of all kinds of weather. Early in the day, there was rain that was followed by a beautiful rainbow. Then the rest of the day alternated between sunshine, rain, and snow. The weatherman used the term, graupel, to describe some of the precipitation in the area. This is soft hail or snow pellets that form when supercooled droplets of water collect and freeze on falling snowflakes, forming 2-5 mm balls of rime. My brother, Steve

McLain, reported that there had been a lot of activity at his bird feeder recently. There have been lots of chickadees and other small birds. The other day there was a red-breasted nuthatch and a white-breasted nuthatch, too. The gray squirrels have been out in force, also. They have been helping themselves to seeds and leftover produce from the garden. There was one that found a small cucumber and was trying desperately to keep it for himself.

We have had a female hairy woodpecker coming every day, and the cardinals are still visiting the feeder on a regular basis. The squirrels are still upset because they cannot reach the feeders with the baffles on the poles. They are ever optimistic and keep trying.

Lise McLain attended the Senior Citizens Club luncheon last week. They met at the Legion Hall in Greenwood and enjoyed a delicious chicken pot pie lunch. The guest speaker was Al Cressey, who spoke on a Volunteer Driver Program that is being offered in the area. Lise decided to invite him to the Gilead Selectmen's meeting to explain the program to them. At this point, the program includes Bethel, Greenwood, Newry and Woodstock. It offers free transportation to residents 60 years and over. Gilead could be involved in this project if the selectmen decide that it is feasible to present to the residents. Lise has volunteered to work with Al if Gilead decides to join this program.

Last Friday, Macky Chapman was returning from New Hampshire by way of Route 2. She noticed smoke coming from the discontinued road that led to where the old Wild River Bridge used to be. Further investigation revealed a small fire. Macky called it in to Oxford Dispatch and Gilead Fire responded. Macky stopped at our house to let us know, so we went to check it out. By then the fire had extinguished itself and had only burned a small area. The rain and snow showers that had happened earlier made the ground wet enough to keep it from spreading. It is a good thing since the wind was so strong, the fire would have spread very fast. Chief Grohlin and two other firefighters arrived, and it was decided the fire was no further danger. How it started was not determined.

Hugh and I attended the Woodstock Historical Society's open house at the Universalist Church in Bryant Pond. We wanted to be there as members of the WHS and as supportive members of the Gilead Historical Society. They have been working hard to clean up and restore the building since they acquired it last year. The work they have done is incredible. They have cleaned, painted and even restored the old windows, keeping the old glass. Ben Conant was the guest speaker and talked about the history of the building through the years.

Gilead Historical Society
The GHS has just received funds from the Sunday River Community Fund of the Maine

Community Foundation. The \$2,600 received will be used to install handicapped accessibility to the railroad station. We are pleased and very thankful for their support.

There is a small amount left in the building fund after the completion of the handicap accessible ramp and door that was added to the schoolhouse this year. These funds plus the new amount will help with the addition of the platform and handicap accessibility for the train station. We are hoping to find someone in the spring that will be able to take on this project and build the platform. Hopefully, the newsletter will be out next week. The recent election has taken up too much of my time to work on it.

Member news: Peter and Claudia Risbara stopped by to visit last Sunday since they were in town for a few days. We also had a phone call from Bob and Judy Bishop. They have been busy getting ready for a sale at their church in Auburn this coming Saturday, Nov. 19. Bob says that there will be good food since Judy is preparing to do some baking. They have been enjoying listening to Phil House since he plays piano at the church.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com

Locke's Mills

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN



I spent last weekend in Portsmouth, NH with my friend Donna. We

stayed busy the whole time I was there, and it was a good way to get our minds off the results of last week's election for a little while.

In addition to our usual successful thrift store rounds on Saturday, we also went to a holiday open house at a big antiques and collectibles shop. Even though we didn't buy anything there (and even though I'm fairly strongly opposed to participating in anything Christmas-related before Thanksgiving), it was fun to see all the vintage decorations and enjoy some hot cider.

Saturday was also the one day of the year that the Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower in Rye open the tower to the public for tours, so we went there and climbed up the seven flights of steps to the observation floor, where soldiers watched for enemy ships during WWII.

On Sunday, both my niece Sara and my great-nephew Gaelan ran in the Seacoast Half Marathon, which started and finished at Portsmouth High School, about a mile from Donna's house. It was the first half marathon for Gaelan, who is 16 and a junior at Telstar.

We walked over to watch the start, then drove with several other members of their family support team to cheer them on at about the midpoint of the race. We got back to the high school in time to see Gaelan cross the finish line with a time of 1:31:17, first in his age group and 43rd out of more than a thousand racers. Sara,

who is a marathon runner and has already qualified for the 2017 Boston Marathon, also had a great time for the half marathon, 1:49:01.

I came home with a new recipe for pasta e fagioli, which Donna made while I was there. If you're not familiar with it, it's an Italian soup made with pasta and beans. We didn't like it at all when we were little kids—in fact, Donna used to appear regularly at our door and say, "Can I have supper at your house? My mother's making pasta fagioli!"—but now we both love it. The recipe Donna makes includes chicken sausage, and she uses cheese tortellini for the pasta. It's quick to make and delicious. I made two pots of it—one with sausage and one vegetarian—so it looks like that's what we'll be eating all week. Soup is the thing I like best about cooler weather!

Email your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, find me on Facebook, or give me a call at 890-4812.

"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their bilsters." —Abraham Lincoln

Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



Hello all, I was asked by Freeman Corriveau to thank everybody for their help

over the last year. Nov. 16 marks one year since his accident while filling up his truck tire. When the tire exploded, it brought on the injuries and trauma that one can imagine after having a tire blow up in your face. He said after the explosion, the next thing he remembers is waking up in the hospital in Boston.

He sure was glad that Mike Field and his mother Betsy were at the location. They were able to call and get help on the way immediately. I talked to Mike after and he said it was a pretty scary situation. He showed me Freeman's wire-rimmed glasses that were all mangled, wow! After looking at those glasses, I'm sure happy that things have turned out the way they have.

Freeman said that he is just about back to 100 percent physically and mentally. He wanted to thank everybody who prepared meals, watched his kids, gave financial help and those who were there to meet the needs in so many ways. The whole family is so grateful for all the support that they have had over the past year. After relying on others for help, it became his greatest motivator to getting back to good health. It sure is nice to live in a community where we can rely on her neighbors and churches to work directly with the families and get them through times of need.

Wow, what an election! There are so many things to talk about I wouldn't know where to start. Besides the obvious national shocker or any other word you would like to use,

Notes from the Gilead Selectmen's meeting

Nov. 9, 2016

The Board of Selectmen met at 6 p.m. at the Town Office on November 9th. Officers present were: Jeremy Morin (JM), Steve McLain (SM), Alfred Leighton (AL); Linsley Chapman Town Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar of Voters; Tax Collector/Admin. Asst., Judy Perrille.

Guests: Lise McLain, Al Cressey
Treasurer Warrants were reviewed. October Wrap-Up Warrant 10A: Vote: Moved (JM) and seconded (SM) to accept. All selectmen voted in favor. November Warrant 11: Vote: Moved (JM) and seconded (SM) to accept. All selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion Regarding: Volunteer Driver Program. Result: Lise McLain introduced Al Cressey to the Board of Selectmen. Al explained a new Volunteer Driver Program that is being offered in surrounding towns. Gilead could become a part of it. Lise volunteered to work with Al if this happens. The selectmen received the material and will discuss it and make a decision at the next meeting.

Discussion Regarding: Electrician. Result: JM gave the Administrative Assistant the name of an electrician to call to fix the light in the lobby.

Discussion Regarding: Fire Extinguishers in Town Office. Result: The selectmen decided to have the Administrative Assistant contact the fire chief and have him order two fire extinguishers to replace the two that need to be replaced.

Discussion Regarding: Closing of Town Roads for Repair. Result: It was noted that SAD 44 was not notified about the Bog Road being closed for the repair of the culvert. In the future, the transportation department would like to know so they could adjust the bus route if necessary.

Discussion Regarding: 2016 Real Estate Taxes. Result: It was noted that a good part of the taxes due for 2016 have been received. Interest is now due and payable from this point forward.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Vote: Moved (JM) and seconded (SM) to adjourn. All selectmen voted in favor.

(Linsley Chapman, Town Clerk/Treasurer, is writer of these notes.)

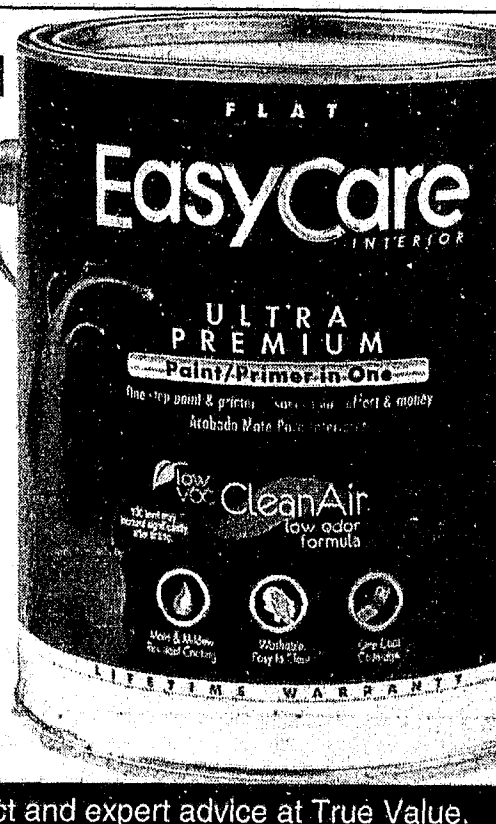
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there were a lot of changes at the State level and local level. For Newry, the tax shift plan was voted down by about 270 votes. That's pretty close I guess, considering what people were voting on. Now we will have to wait to see what happens next. Have a good week.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Some members of Letter B Notch Riders ATV club have been out working on trails. They are working on a new trail to be opened next year and are doing some brush cutting on some of the existing trails.

In July, I told you that Penny took my truck to a garage to have the ignition switch changed. When the job was complete, someone in the service department informed Penny that the truck needed an exhaust manifold bolt set and that the front brake pads and rotors needed to be replaced. I could understand how they knew it needed exhaust work because of the sound it made. I could not figure out how

they could come to the conclusion that the truck needed brake work while sitting in the drivers seat working on the ignition switch. Now for the rest of the story. Last week I took my truck in to an inspection station for a sticker. I specifically asked the garage owner about the condition of the brakes. He assured me that the brakes are in good working order and do not need to be replaced. I doubt that I will ever take another vehicle to that garage.

Turkey Day is coming soon. Look out Nital You will soon have a house full of Berniers!

Penny has long since finished her Christmas shopping. I am yet to start mine.

Please send an email to backstjoe@gmail.com to share your local news.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Tonight Thursday, Nov. 17 is the delicious Chicken Pot Pie Supper at the West

Paris Universalist Church. Tickets go on sale at 4:30



SENIOR PLAYERS PRESENTATION-An original play by Ross Timberlake in observance of the WMSC Senior College Players 10th anniversary will be held Nov. 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium. The cast: Front: Carole Timberlake, Jim McLean, Rosabelle Tift and Tineke Owninga. Back: Arita McDonald and her dog, Palz-Li, Jack Kuchta, Norman Millard, Roberta Taylor, Mark Antell, Tim LeConey, Carole Campbell, Pat McCartney, Ross Timberlake, Lorrie Hoeh and Barb Dion. Eight skits will be taken from some of the favorite plays over the years. Intermission refreshments both nights will feature cookies, whoopee pies, and a special cake handcrafted by Sally Smith.

Bob McCartney

p.m. and the supper starts at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children five to 12. They will be drawing the raffle tickets at this time.

Franklin Grange will meet at the hall for a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.

Services at the Baptist Church are;

Sunday school at 9:15 for all ages, morning worship at 10:30, evening services at 6 p.m. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. is mid-week service also

Bloom for Girls 13 to 18 and Foundation for Guys 15 and up. Saturday, Nov. 19 is Men's Fellowship breakfast at 7 a.m. All

men are welcome. Looking ahead, on Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. there will be Ladies' Day Out to see "A Christmas Carol" at the Community Theater in Auburn.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at Locke Mills Church on Thursday, Nov. 3. They

served a delicious soup and casserole. The next meeting will be at the Woodstock Fire Station on Dec. 1. If you want to exchange gifts bring the following - a man for a man and a woman for a woman. Also please bring something for Kids for Christmas.

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Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It is early Tuesday morning. It has been a trying week for many of us. For me, I am ready for changes. We shall see.

Mountain Poets met this past Sunday and we had a great time listening to the new and revised poems that many brought. Please be aware that Dennis is running a poem each Sunday in the Lewiston Sun. He is going with the best of the best. Check it out next Sun.

Saturday, Nov. 19, the Lyme Support Group will meet at Fare Share Commons, also known as CEBE on main St. in Nor-

way - right next to Fare Share Coop from 1-3 p.m. All are welcome. FMI please call 743-0583.

Waterford Library is offering all kinds of special programs. There is a gaming night on Wednesday at 6 p.m. It offers mine craft and terraria.

Socrates Café is offered the first Monday of the month from 6:30-8:30.

Every Friday from 9-noon folks meet and enjoy coffee and light refreshments.

Wednesday, Nov. 30 there is a yard art hanging at 7 p.m. Bring your yarn scraps and make some art. Mondays 2-4 p.m. there is a knit and chat group that meets.

FMI call the library at 583-2050.

I will stop at that. Please have a great week.

Oxford woman runs for re-election as OCSWCD supervisor

Linda Hooker resides in Oxford and is the owner of the Hooker Family Farm. Upon her retirement three years ago she returned to her passion, farming. She feels educating the younger generation on land and water conservation along with protecting wildlife habitat is very important.

Her farming practices include finding ways to preserve natural habitats, slow down erosion and washouts. She strives to be a good steward of her land and feels privileged to be able to do something that is so enjoyable and rewarding while following the mission of the Oxford County Soil and Water District.

Gould Academy Sports

Varsity Girls' Soccer

Gould 2, Hyde 0; Nov. 11-The Gould Huskies met the Hyde Phoenix one final time for the 2016 season in the MAISAD Semi Final game at home. The Gould girls were thrilled to be on home turf once again. From the whistle, Gould dominated possession, though not without several hearty attacks by a tenacious Hyde team. In spite of many surges toward the goal, Gould was unable to put one on the board for the first 40 minutes and shots on goal were nearly equal for the two teams. The half wrapped up with a score of 0-0. During halftime, the Huskies recalibrated with the hopes of finally, successfully, getting one between the pipes. Play volleyed back and forth for the next 22 minutes until Maia Garfield '20, having been moved up to play striker, pushed one over the line. Gould kept the momentum going and in the 73rd minute, earned a corner kick. Milly Detels '18 dropped a nearly perfect ball directly in front of the goal. Cassie Lieblein '18 tried to tip it in, but bounced it off the crossbar. Fortunately, Garfield was nearby and finally put it in the back of the net. The intensity was high for the remaining minutes of play, but Hyde was unable to capitalize on any scoring opportunities. Gould played excellent defense during the half, holding Hyde to only two shots on goal. Meanwhile, Hyde Goal Keeper, Anna Doline, was busy saving 8 shots during the half. It was an exciting game against a worthy opponent. The Huskies appreciate the spirit of the Hyde team and look forward to meeting them again next season.

Gould 2, Hyde 2 Hebron victory in PKs; Nov. 12-Gould met Hebron for the 2016 MAISAD Championship. After modifying the starting line up due to some late season injuries, the Huskies showed up energized and ready to play in their new formation. It took just nine minutes for 9th graders Amelia McMillan (assist) and Maia Garfield to put one in the net. Play was fairly balanced and fast paced, as expected, with Gould taking six shots on goal to Hebron's seven during the first half. After 30 more minutes of back and forth play, the Lumberjacks were able to capitalize on a close range shot by Alaiiah Singh to the lower right corner. The remaining seconds ticked away and the half wrapped up with the score at 1-1. Both teams took to the field ready to play hard, score goals, and gain the advantage in the second half. The intensity of play led to a Gould foul in the box, giving Hebron a huge opportunity with a penalty kick in the 63rd minute. Hebron sophomore Sophie

List remained composed and was able to fire it in on the left side, hitting the fingers of Gould Goalkeeper Frisella Berdja '17. The successful shot put the Lumberjacks up 2-1. The Huskies did not give up, however, fighting hard to win every 50/50 ball and charging on offense to the goal at every opportunity. Finally, in the 76th minute, the ninth grade duo did it again - McMillan to Garfield - and tied the game at 2-2. Twenty minutes of overtime play was back and forth between the Huskies and the Lumberjacks and neither team was able to score, bringing the game to a shoot-out in which Hebron came out on top. The Huskies commence play in the NEPSAC tournament taking on Watkinson School, from Connecticut, at Berwick Academy, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.

Cross Country Running

NEPSA Division IV Championships, Nov. 12- We just ended our XC season on Saturday at the Division IV NEPSA (New England) Championships where we raced against 37 other schools, more than 800 racers, with boys and girls field each numbering more than 200 runners strong. Every single member of the team, from top to bottom peaked at the right time and unleashed some of the best races of their year! We finished with five All New-England runners, both the JV Girls and JV Boys took 4th place overall with a majority of those runners achieving PRs. The girls team took sixth place overall with three of our runners in the top 20: Laura Wilson (18th), Steph Nicols (11th), and Izzy Chase (7th) - this is the first time a Gould Girl's XC team has ever cracked the top 10 at New England's. Our boys team won the New England Championship with great performances by all. Marcus Bennett came in third overall with a PR, Duncan Forbes was 20th with a PR, closely followed by Matthew Bennett, Ben Alford, Lucas Boyden, Ryan Beckerman, and Sam Tweedle, who all finished in 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 place as one tight pack. This is a group who practice positive thinking all the time, who never think or say "I Can't." These runners have learned to keep a here-and-now focus during competitions. They use any adversity they come up against to get stronger. This team made a commitment to each other that they would pick each other up and support each other no matter the situation! And that's just what they do... That is why there is a special bond, that's why Gould XC is a family and that is what is responsible for our fourth consecutive podium finish and second championship in four years.

Solidarity Vigil held at The Gem

A Solidarity Vigil was held outside The Gem Theater on Cross Street in Bethel Tuesday, Nov. 15 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Approximately 40 people came to show their support of the Sioux tribes currently protesting the Dakota Pipeline, which is being installed along and under the Missouri River, a water source that is vital to people living in that area.

The vigil was one of thousands held across the country. At present, construction of the pipeline has been halted.

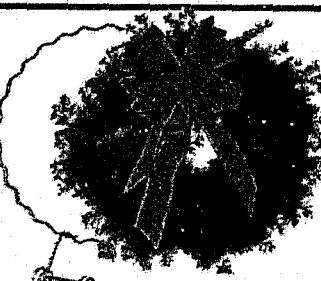
According to Wikipedia, the pipeline has been controversial in regard to its necessity, and potential harm to the environment. A number of Native Americans in Iowa and the Dakotas have opposed the pipeline, including the Meskwaki and several Sioux tribal nations. In August 2016, ReZpect Our Water, a group organized on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, brought a petition to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C. and the tribe sued for an injunction. A protest

at the pipeline site in North Dakota near the Standing Rock Indian Reservation drew international attention in response to the thousands of people who are protesting the pipeline construction and how they have been treated by local and state authorities.

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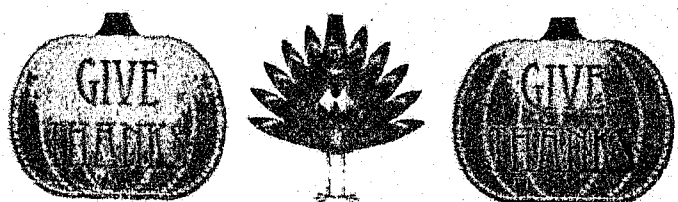
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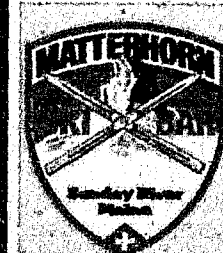
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Democrats to meet

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the 2018 cycle.

The organizational meeting for the 2018 cycle will be held in January, 2017.

Those who are unable to attend the meeting but have thoughts to share may communicate with County Chair Cathy Newell by email at info@mainedems.org or at 875-2116.

Age Friendly Community news

A few weeks ago the community was treated to a concert in the Gem Theater auditorium. Performed by a few professional instrumentalists and many volunteer singers and instrumentalists, it featured Richard Blanco's 2013 inaugural poem, "One Today," put to music by local composer Tom Davis. For those who were unable to attend the concert, which included several other uplifting works, both original and well-known, it is now possible to access the concert on the local access TV Channel 11 or streamed at westernhillsaccess television.com (click on Watch Live TV option). Anyone wishing to purchase a DVD of the event can either email channel11@gmail.com or go through the Adult Ed office (824-2136 Ext. 1340).

Remember the special anniversary production of the Western Mountains Senior College Players - free - at 7:00 pm on both November 18 and 19 at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium.

Enjoy watching your friends and neighbors revive some of the favorite performances of their illustrious decade of fun and frolic.

And at noon on Sunday, Nov. 20, the Telstar National Honor Society will host its annual Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner in the Telstar Cafeteria - turkey, stuffing, and all the works! No charge - and there's a raffle of free items. FMI: Telstar High School (824-2136).

"Giving Tuesday" is a national movement founded four years ago to counteract the season's focus on buying and commercialism. The movement has mobilized tens of millions of dollars toward deserving nonprofits and will be celebrated in Bethel on Tuesday, November 29. For a full list of events, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/203407850068371/>. Note especially the 3-5 p.m. Poetic Bethel: Craft Talk and Discussion with Richard Blanco.

Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation announces new board members

The staff and current board of Maine Adaptive are happy to welcome new board members: Tom Butler, Robert Gurry, Cate Parker, and David Patch.

Maine Adaptive is preparing for the upcoming winter season, its 34th of providing quality adaptive recreation on-snow instruction for children and adults with physical disabilities at no cost. We continue to focus our efforts on extending our reach and engaging new community leaders from within our program ranks and throughout the northeast.

Thomas Butler is Director of Skier Services at Sugarloaf. In his current position, he oversees Perfect Turn, the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center, Guest Services, Summer Activities, and the Ambassador Program. He is a graduate of the University of Maine at Orono and is currently a selectman for the town of Carrabassett Valley. Tom is an alpine examiner for PSIA-E/AASI and will play a key role in Maine Adaptive's continued growth and development at Sugarloaf and Sunday River.

Robert Gurry is the Director of Marketing Operations for the New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland, bringing 20 years of marketing and healthcare management, public relations and business development experience to that role. He studied marketing at Syracuse University and nursing at Worcester State University where he received his Bachelor

of Science in nursing. Bob has lived in Scarborough, Maine for the past 9 years with Cindy, his wife of 20 years, and their 2 children.

Cate Parker is the Associate Director of Community Health & Wellness at Mid-Coast Hospital in Brunswick. She has had years of experience in both critical care and quality and patient safety. She is an active Sugarloaf skier and a Maine Adaptive volunteer. Her son, Jack, has been a participant with Maine Adaptive for twelve years, since he was 5, and was the recipient of the OA/Chip Crothers' Founders Award for outstanding participation with Maine Adaptive in 2016.

David Patch, from Boothbay Harbor, is a retired naval engineer who spent his career after the Navy as a management executive and consultant for large and small technology companies. He is active in Veterans affairs throughout Maine and the United States, serving on the board of Honor Flight Maine, the Maine Veterans Homeless Committee. He is also a VA-trained hospice volunteer.

The four new members join a 21 member board that oversees Maine Adaptive's finances, strategic planning.

For more information about Maine Adaptive, please visit www.maineadaptive.org, email dmaxfield@maineadaptive.org or call 800-639-7770.

Ski Museum of Maine's Fireside Chat at Bethel Historical Society

Maine was once a leading manufacturer of skis, boots and poles. That's past history. In the 21st century Maine has enjoyed a renaissance of ski-building. Snowboards too. Is that the wave of the future?

On Nov. 25 the Ski Museum of Maine will present a free Fireside Chat that tells the story of our state's long history of manufacturing ski equipment, the demise of the industry in the late 20th century and its current renaissance in the 21st.

"Made in Maine: 100-Plus Years of Craftsmanship in Skiing" will be presented at The Bethel Historical Society's Exhibit Hall on Friday, November 25th at 7 pm. The presentation is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. From 10 am to 4pm on Friday, the New England Ski Museum's "Skiing in the Pine Tree State" Exhibit will be open. This exhibit has a display rack of old and new Maine manufactured skis.

The Fireside Chat is a PowerPoint digital slideshow that includes more than 80 photos some more than a century old that have been assembled by the Ski Museum of Maine. Most come from the Kingfield-based Museum's collections. Other sources include several of the state's leading historical societies, skiing organizations and private collectors.

Photos to be presented cover the entire span of skiing in Maine, from the founding of Aroostook County's Swedish

Colony to present-day happenings all over the state. Locations that were historically important to ski equipment manufacturing include Aroostook County, Auburn, Milford, Minot, Norway, Paris, Portland, Skowhegan, West Paris and Wilton.

Currently there are five firms in Maine that can be classified as "craft" or "boutique" ski and snowboard builders. These include YOPP Clandestine, a top-tier wooden ski that is lovingly crafted in Bethel. Photos of these contemporary ski-building operations will also be included. Two contrasting 12-minute videos will be shown. The first features rare archival footage of ski fabrication at the Paris Manufacturing Company in the early 1930s. The second depicts the current ski-making operations of YOPP Clandestine, whose partners, Toby Winkler and Jake Bracy, will introduce their video and display examples of their unique product. Narrator and host will be Scott Andrews, a Portland ski journalist and Ski Museum curator who assembled the photos for the Fireside Chat and performed most of the research.

"Skiing has been part of the Maine way of life since the late 1800s, offering recreation and competition to both residents and visitors," says Andrews. "Our museum's objective is to feed the passion of Maine skiers and to illustrate the significance of our sport to our state's lifestyle and economy."

Bethel Senior Citizens Club meets

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Nov. 9, at the American Legion Hall in Locke Mills for their meeting and dinner with 36 members present. President Fran Head conducted the meeting and led the salute to the flag. The blessing was given by Mabel Buiniskas. Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell.

The raffle was won by Mary Brown who donated it back to the club and the door prize was won by Denise Swan.

The next meeting will be Dec. 14, at the Sud-

bury Inn. Meeting starts at 11 a.m. The menu is beef steak or baked haddock. Reservations must be made before Dec. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice. Price is \$15.

Sunday, Nov. 20 is the Thanksgiving dinner at Telstar High School at noon put on by the National Honor Society for Senior Citizens, starts at noon.

Dec. 13, at noon, is the Rotary Annual Holiday Senior Luncheon at the Locke Mills Legion Hall. Al Cressy and Peter

Musso spoke on the transportation that is available for anyone over 60 in the Towns of Bethel, Greenwood, Newry, and Woodstock, other towns may be included. The coordinator for this program is Kay Larson, whose phone number is 207-824-4444. This program is sponsored by Community Concepts and Age Friendly Community. Several members asked questions which were answered by Al Cressy. November birthdays are Nancy Brown, Grace Douglass, Eleanor Brooks and David Head.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 17

Maine Mineral and Gem Museum Third Thursday Talk; 3-4:30 p.m., Odd Fellows Education Room. The talk will focus on essential mineral identification, mineral versus rock, simple identification test and what is needed to identify a mineral. This talk is suitable for mineral collectors and enthusiasts of all ages. Bring your budding collector or just brush up on your skills; all are welcome.

Introduction to Self-Employment; 6-8 p.m. at Telstar High School. This introductory workshop will help you decide whether self-employment is the right choice for you. This New Ventures Maine class covers the pros and cons of owning your own business, the major elements of a business plan, and the many resources available to help you succeed. Instructor: Karleen Andrews. Free.

Chicken Pie Supper; at First Universalist Church of West Paris on Main Street. Doors will open at 4:30 and the first seating will be at 5:30. Cost is \$10 and \$5 for children 5-12. The mouth-watering menu includes homemade chicken pies, mashed potatoes, squash, peas, cranberry sauce and homemade dessert pies. The drawing for a table runner, gel print, and lap quilt will be held at the end of the first seating. Don't miss it!

Ladies Intermediate Bridge; meets every other Thursday at Sudbury Inn in Bethel. New players always welcome. FMI: 824-2179 or 836-2802.

Monthly Rumford Library Poetry Group; 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. As always, there will be light refreshments, then a sharing of original and favorite poems. The group meets in the Public Room of the Rumford Library. Free and open to the public. For information call: 364-3661.

Mt. Abram Ski Area; Join with trail advocates and trail users on Nov. 17 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Mt. Abram Ski Area for a day of learning and sharing across the trails sector. There will be hands-on outdoor programs, a hearty lunch, and speakers from around the region. Speakers include Lee Dasser-Western Foothills Land Trust-keynote; Tim Tierney-Kingdom Trails; Pam Laflamme-City of Berlin, N.H.; Megan Roberts-Titcomb Mountain. Cost: \$25 and free for students To register: <http://mahosucpaths.eventbrite.com>. For more information call Gabe Perkins, 207.200.8240 or via email: info@mahosucpaths.org.

Friday, Nov. 18

Senior College Players; "Thank You and Good Night," an original play at Gould Academy McLaughlin Auditorium, Bethel, 7 p.m. Ross Timberlake, well-known for his acting and playwriting ability, wrote and directed the play in a unique format to highlight and celebrate the 10th anniversary of the players. Free, donations appreciated.

Oxford County Educators Association-Retired (OCEA-R) meeting; Locke Mills Legion Hall Nov. 18. It will be the final meeting before our winter break, which lasts until March. Sign-ins start at 10:30 a.m. The business meeting will begin at 11, moderated by John Kimball, president.

Saturday, Nov. 19

Craft/Vendor Fair for Andover Elementary School Department; 9-3 p.m. Due to the overwhelming interest, the Craft Fair will be at the Andover Town Hall. It is a Village-wide event. Andover Congregational Church will hold its annual craft fair across the street. Local artists will be opening their doors located on Main St (the old Addie's Restaurant). Stroll further down Main Street and visit the local antique shop. Local businesses The Little Red Hen, Mills Market and Andover General Store, will also be having craft tables, special events and specials that day. Enjoy the Spirit in the Village! Anyone interested in reserving a space at the Andover Town Hall, contact Amber Cooper at 207-357-2647. Sponsored by Andover Parent Teacher group.

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Oxford County Democrats Post-Election Meeting; Saturday, 10 a.m. Crescent Park School, Crescent Lane, Bethel. FMI: Contact Cathy Newell, 875-2116.

Celebration for Women in the Military; Napoleon Ouellette Post 24 American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 184 Congress St., Rumford. For women who have served or are currently serving in the military. Activities in the morning include nail painting, hair stylists, mini massages, breakfast with coffee, tea, muffins and more. The afternoon will include a luncheon with guests speakers and raffles. FMI call Joy Bordeau at 369-9459.

Essential Oils; Are you interested in natural solutions for winter wellness? We will share how using essential oils can be an easy and effective way to support your family's wellness safely and naturally. This class will feature 45 minutes of teaching about the safety and uses of essential oils. Most of us experience stress in our everyday lives. Since for many of us, with the holidays just around the corner, it is a good time to look at what steps we can take to decrease our stress plus how essential

oils can help naturally support our bodies! 1 p.m. at Telstar High School. Tuition: Free

Sunday, Nov. 20

Greenwood Fiddle Jam; 1-4 p.m. at the Greenwood Town Office 593 Gore Road. Slow jam till 2 p.m. More info on Greenwood Fiddle Jam page on Facebook or call 207-381-7730. (Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month).

Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine monthly meeting; 2 p.m. at 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Following a short business meeting, Melinda and Ross Herrick will present a program describing their trip to Finland earlier this year. The public is welcome to learn more about their adventures/exploits and to enjoy the coffee table.

Bethel Episcopal House Church; at the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service held at the United Methodist Church in Bethel. We will join with other local worshippers at the 3 p.m. service, rather than have a separate service. We hope to see everyone there. Regular House Church services will resume on the 3rd Sunday of every month starting in December.

Thanksgiving Dinner; Telstar High School at noon put on by the National Honor Society for Senior Citizens.

Monday, Nov. 21

Franklin Grange; Regular meeting at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 22

Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine new support group for men; first meeting from 4-5 p.m. at the Center located at 199 Main Street, Norway. Please call Vance at 583-2975 or Sherri at 890-7063 for more information.

Friday, Nov. 25

Local Craft & Wares Fair at the Bethel Inn Resort Conference Center; Avoid the mall insanity on Black Friday - shop locally with 35+ handmade craft vendors right in the village of Bethel. Christmas and home decor, jewelry, toys, accessories, art, natural bath & beauty products, and lots more. Organized by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. www.bethelmaine.com/countrychristmas.

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Pepsi Beverages Co.

Made in Maine: 100-Plus Years of Craftsmanship in Skiing; Ski Museum of Maine's Fireside Chat 7 p.m. at Bethel Historical Society Exhibit Hall. The presentation tells the story our State's long history of manufacturing ski equipment, the demise of the industry in the late 20th century and its current renaissance in the 21st. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, Nov. 26

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Pepsi Beverages Co.

Sunday, Nov. 27

A Country Breakfast; 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Orway Hall, Gould Academy, Church St, Bethel. Adults (\$10 at the door) and children \$5. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Bethel. To benefit community projects and scholarships. FMI: www.BethelRotary.org.

Monday, Nov. 28

Waterford Library; Book Reading and Adult Coloring with Julie Yarbrough, 7 p.m. Local artist and fiber artist will introduce her new coloring book, "Dances With Wools", a fiber animal fantasy original coloring book. The author and illustrator will talk about her book, fiber art and answer questions. Books will be available for purchase. Celebrate the release of her coloring book with some adult coloring and refreshments. Wine glasses and all art materials are provided at this free event.

Tuesday, Nov. 29

Seniors Plus Medicare Choices; one on one counseling on Medicare Choices during the fall open enrollment period. Free individual 1-hour counseling by appointment only. Telstar High School, 12 p.m.-5 p.m. To sign up: call 800-427-1241 and ask for the Bethel site. Walk-ins are not accepted.

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Wednesday, Nov. 30

Story Time; 10 a.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad Street. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring preschoolers to the library to listen to stories, explore the children's section, and check out books. If you would like to volunteer to read on an occasional or regular basis, please call the library at 824-2520.

Reading and book signing with Anne Morin; 6:30 p.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad Street. Andover author, educator, and retired neuroscientist Anne

Morin will read from her forthcoming book, 'Experiment Two: Murder in Seaview,' and will sell and sign copies of her first crime novel, 'Experiment One: Murder in the Lab.' Light refreshments served. FMI, 824-2580.

Waterford Library; 7 p.m. Yarn Art Wall Hanging, Bring your scrap yarn, swap colors with your neighbor to create a work of art. We will provide the wine glasses and all the coloring materials you will need at this free event.

Bethel Alliance Church; Community Supper 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. (No Charge) Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Rd. (across from the Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Thursday, Dec 1

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens; Meeting at Woodstock Fire Station. There will be an exchange of gifts (man - man and woman - woman.) Please bring gifts for Kids for Christmas.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Rabies Clinic; At the Bethel Fire Station from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$16, and payment must be made in cash only. A staff member from the Bethel Town Office will be available to license dogs from Bethel, Albany, and Mason residents. Licensing fees are \$11 per dog or \$6 for spayed or neutered dogs.

Annual Christmas Fair & Tea; This annual event at West Parish Congregational Church will be held from 1-4 p.m. Get into the Christmas spirit as you enjoy a relaxing time with friends and neighbors around the tea table. At the fair, you will find many gift items and things to enjoy: cookies at the Cookie Walk, Tiny Treasures, Christmas Decorations, Crafts and knitted items. A special addition this year will be gifts from Kenya, the proceeds from which will benefit Kakamega Orphan Care Center.

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by River View Resort.

Sunday, Dec. 4

Mahoosuc Community Band annual Christmas Concert; 4 p.m. at West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. The concert will be a mix of traditional music and Christmas favorites. Donations to defray the cost of music accepted at the door. Refreshments to follow.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

Holiday arrangement workshop; Join McLaughlin Garden & Homestead between 2 and 6 p.m. to create a holiday arrangement for your table. Bring a bowl or other small vessel, and we'll supply the greens and natural materials at the cost of \$5 per arrangement. We will have ribbons, Oasis, and notions available for purchase.

Thursday, Dec. 8

Gould Academy Chamber Ensemble; Performance at the United Methodist Church on Main Street in Bethel at 7 p.m. They will be performing works by Vivaldi, Piazzolla, and Tchaikovsky. The Chamber Ensemble is directed by Gould's Edison Quinotoa and coached by Thomas Mesa through the distance learning partnership between Gould and the Manhattan School of Music. The instrumentation for this ensemble includes four violins, two cellos, three flutes, and piano. There will also be two solo piano performances of Liszt and Beethoven as well as a piano and violin duet performing a work by John Williams. This concert is free and open to the public and seating is general admission.

Friday, Dec. 9

West Paris Library 90th Anniversary; in conjunction with the annual "Let Your Light Shine" celebration, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank.

Ladies Day Out; 2 p.m. visit to Community Theater in Auburn to see "A Christmas Carol."

Monday, Dec. 12

Bethel selectmen's meeting; 6 p.m. at Town Office.

SAD 44 School Board meeting; 6:30 p.m. at Crescent Park Elementary School, Bethel.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Rotary Annual Holiday Senior Luncheon; at the Locke Mills Legion Hall, noon.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

Bethel Senior Citizens Club; Meeting and dinner at the Sudbury at 11 a.m. The menu is beef steak or baked haddock. Reservations must be before Dec. 1, by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice. The price of a meal is \$15.

Saturday, Dec. 17

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MAHOOSUC KIDS

Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

MKA is very thankful to Amanda Jordan from the Kids Create Theater who worked in her busy schedule 3 weeks to do a play with our TMS students. "Witches VS. Princesses" was presented to family and friends last week. There were 18 students that participated. What a wonderful show! Thanks to all who helped make this activity possible.

MKA's first LEGO team will compete in phase 1 on Saturday, Nov 19th at Jay High School. If the team makes it past this round they will compete in December at the statewide meet. Good Luck to our Bethel Brickmasters!

Our elementary sites are working on making centerpieces for the NHS Senior Thanksgiving dinner this coming weekend. We always enjoy this community service activity.

MKA is participating with BANC in the Giving Tuesday which is on Nov 29th. You will see many pictures on social media of area non-profits with the #GivingTuesday and #BANCingTogether. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



MKA LEGO team is going to the phase one competition on Saturday Nov 19th at Jay High School. Front row, left to right: Chelsea Duclos, Issac Greenberg, Eli Shifrin, Gavin Williams, Corinne Nivus. Back row, left to right: Ellie Williams, Utah Bean, Julius Woods, Dylan Greenberg. Team coaches are Marie Keane and Kate Slattery.



Chelsea, David, and Corinne working on presentation.



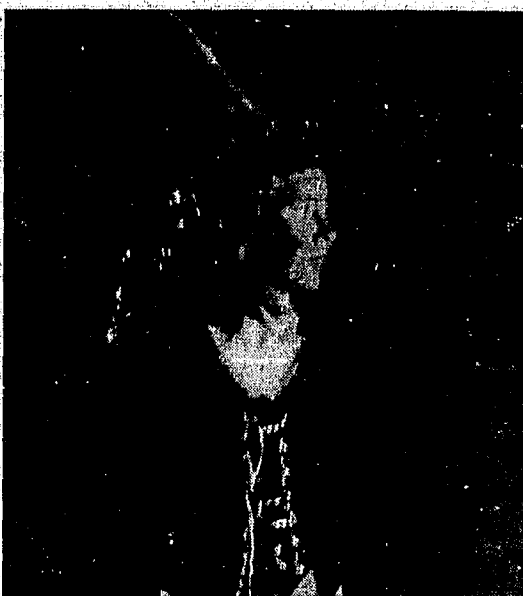
Poster for presentation.



Gavin, Dylan and Eli testing out the robots.



TMS cast members perform "Witches vs. Princesses" for family and friends on Nov 10th. Thanks to Amanda Jordan and Kids Create Theater Company for the production. Pictured above, left to right: Bella DeVivo, EB Hoff, Keaton Spiller, Macie Hallett, Odessa Files, Gabby Groves, Autumn Harrison, and Leah Kimball.



EB Hoff as Witchy.



Shelby Thorman, Ellen Files, and Romeo Villanueva after the show.



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by Helene Hovanec

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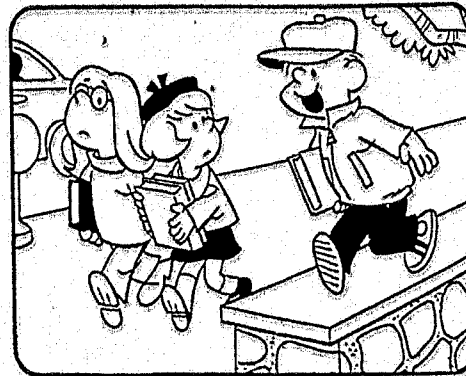
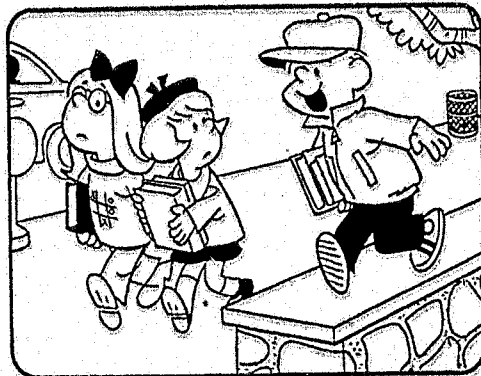
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
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4. Book is missing. 5. Arm is missing. 6. Trash can is missing.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: R equals H

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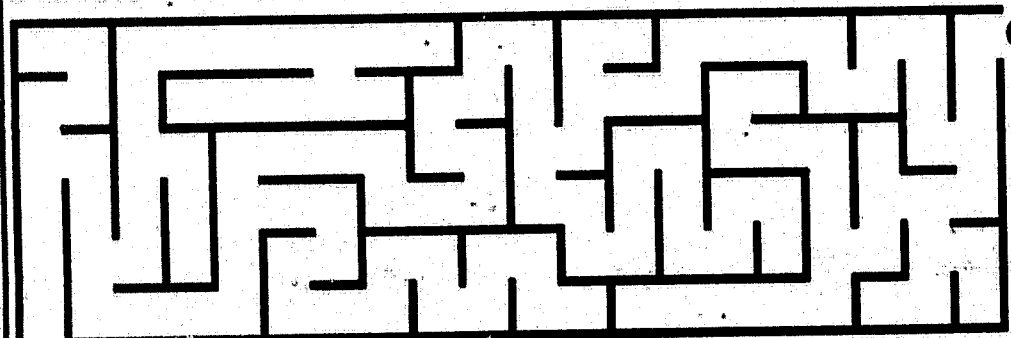
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Kids' Maze



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Super Crossword

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 - 5 No-win situation
 - 6 Ballet step
 - 7 Goran of tennis
 - 8 Two-dot mark
 - 9 Michelle of figure skating
 - 10 Young 'un
 - 11 Letters before ems
 - 12 Flash
 - 13 MGM motto
 - 14 Changes gradually
 - 15 One, in Yahlzee
 - 16 Sweet bread spread
 - 17 Property
 - 18 German poet
 - 19 Actress
 - 24 "Night of the Living Dead" director
 - 28 Atlanta locale
 - 32 Ding- heading
 - 33 Email folder
 - 34 Last part
 - 35 905-year-old in Genesis
 - 37 N.Y. Jets' gp.
 - 38 Get hired
 - 40 Chang and Eng's land
 - 41 Capri or Ely
 - 42 Skin softener
 - 43 Proof mark
 - 44 City in Algeria
 - 45 Prison parts
 - 47 Pastoral folk dance of Italy
 - 48 Troubles
 - 49 See 104-Down
 - 53 "The Exorcist" actor Max von
 - 56 Doolittle of "Pygmalion"
 - 58 Run-down
 - 59 Exploitative sorts
 - 61 Shout to a matador
 - 62 Timepiece
 - 64 Cooke with soul
 - 65 MLB stat
 - 67 Burns party
 - 70 Car from Sweden
 - 71 Rubik of Lab
 - 72 Funny Idle
 - 73 Sauntered
 - 74 It's prohibited
 - 75 Trip-taking equipment
 - 77 "Star Wars" furball
 - 78 "Shoot!"
 - 82 Bullet points
 - 85 At the home of, to Henri
 - 86 Galileo's birthplace
 - 87 Songlike
 - 88 35mm camera choice
 - 91 Least far-off
 - 93 "wester
 - 94 Diffuses gradually
 - 96 Sets of doctrines
 - 99 Houses, in Havana
 - 100 Praise highly
 - 101 — Waters
 - 102 Plenty angry
 - 103 Alternatives to walkers
 - 104 With 49-Down, option for an air passenger
 - 106 Really liked
 - 107 1953 Alan Ladd film
 - 108 Lab activities
 - 111 Heredity unit
 - 113 "My treat"
 - 115 Role in "The Hangover"
 - 116 NFL coups
 - 117 Savage soft
 - 118 Corp. execs



Kids' Maze Solution

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

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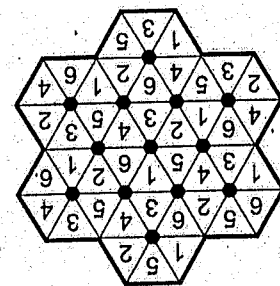
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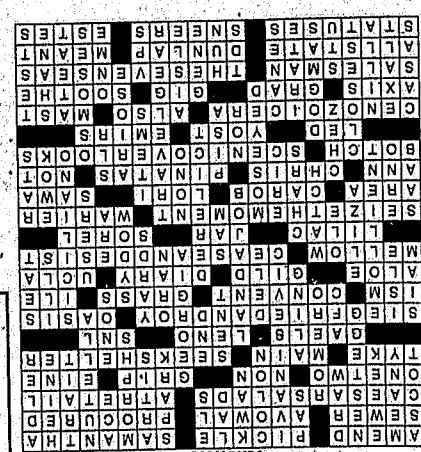
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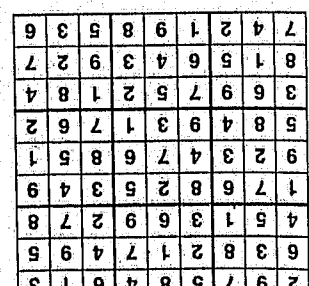
An animal that laughs at its own jokes.



SNOWFLAKES solution



Super Crossword



Weekly SUDOKU

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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ANSWERS:

Telstar High School 2016 Falls Sports Awards



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2016 GIRLS' SOCCER

Angela Cintron (Player of the Month); Calla Orino (Hustle Award); Luci Rothwell MVP; Kaitly Killam (Player of the Month).



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2016 FIELD HOCKEY

Sierra Ryerson (Coach's Award); Wynter Morin (Most Improved & MVC Honorable Mention); Natasha Hart (Hustle Award & MVC First Team All Star); Taylor Merrill (MVC Honorable Mention & Athlete of the Month); Katherine Haley (Rookie of the Year); Kaiya Corriveau (Athlete of the Month).



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2016 FOOTBALL

Grady Harrington (Lineman of the Year Award); Elijah Mason (Four-Year Dedicated to Football Award); Tommy Luz (Most Improved Player Award); Caleb Merrill (October Athlete of the Month); Brett Hastings (September Athlete of the Month).



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2016 CROSS COUNTRY

Captain Kristi Hanscom (Mountain Valley Conference All-Star First Team, Academic All-Star, Athlete of the Month, Telstar Cross Country MVP; Marta Opie (Mountain Valley Conference All-Star Honorable Mention; Emily Hanscom (Athlete of the Month, Telstar Cross Country Top Teammate Award); Ricco Call (Athlete of the Month, Telstar Cross Country Most Improved); Captain Gaelan Boyle-Wight (Mountain Valley Conference All-Star First Team, Athlete of the Month, Telstar Cross Country Hustle Award).



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2016 BOYS' SOCCER

Front: Hakan Chartier (MVC Honorable Mention and team Iron Man Award); Willis Steven (MVC Second Team All-Star, Team Leadership Award); Avry Griffin (MVC First Team All-Star, November Player of the Month, Team Hustle Award); Tristin Lilly (October Player of the Month); Josh Elliot (MVC Academic All-Star); Back: Elijah Laird (MVC Academic All-Star); Kellen True (MVC Academic All-Star, MVC First Team All-Star, State Class C All-Star); Zach Stone (MVC Honorable Mention); James Newkirk (MVC Academic All-Star); Coach John Elliot (MVC Coach of the Year). Absent: Boston Ludden (Team Outstanding Defense Award).



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2016 GOLF

Kory Crockett- Harrington, Russell Cushman (Low Average & MVC Second Team All Star), Colby Marriott, Toby Walker, Lucas Malley. The team won the Class C South Good Sportsmanship Award.

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Reno is proof that big guys can be very sensitive. He gets lonely when he is not around the people he loves. And, he needs his daily hug.
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Reno is taking daily supplements for his hips and he is responding well to them. Before his owner passed away he lived in a home where there was a cat but it is uncertain what his reaction would be to living with another one.
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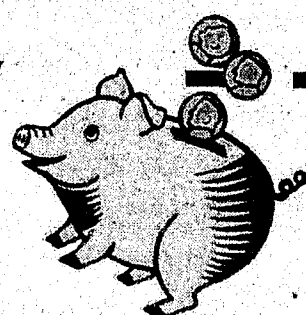
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Obituaries



MICHAEL J. O'DONNELL

Michael J. O'Donnell, 75, passed away Nov. 11, 2016.

A year a month and a day before the bombing of Pearl Harbor (Nov. 6 1940), our father, Michael Joseph O'Donnell, was born into a Roman Catholic family as the only son to John and Cathrine. He played high school football in New Jersey, (middle linebacker) bragging to us how he had broken his nose seven times in the days before face masks.

He was planning to follow in his father's footsteps to play at Notre Dame. The summer before his freshman year while playing semi pro football, he tore his knee when the defense got to play offense for fun. After carrying the ball and getting gang tackled he heard a pop, and noticed his foot pointing in the wrong direction. This ended his football career but beginning a journey to the north and towards the law.

Michael enrolled in Central Maine Institute, a college prep school which today is still a pathway for promising athletes to improve their grades. Then it was on to the University of Maine, graduating with honors in pre-law. While in Orono he made the acquaintance of Susan Jane Saunders. They married and moved their first three children to Littleton Colorado so he could attend Denver Law School.

After graduating in just two years, and with the fourth child on the way they moved back to Susan's hometown of Bethel, Maine, driving his favorite 1968 Jeep the 2,000 miles himself at 45 mph. He bought a house on Main Street for \$14,000, which became both his office and our family home to this day.

His diverse and distinguished 45-year career encompassed every aspect of the law. He served as a prosecutor for Oxford County, where we could listen to the cool police radio he had installed in our family station wagon, to criminal defense cases, where he would show us gruesome crime scene photos. As a small-town lawyer, he would always say in the good times he practiced more real estate law but in the bad times he became a divorce lawyer, where alternative payment methods were the norm: 10 cords of wood, livestock and a lifetime supply of home videos. In his heart, he was a true constitutionalist, defending everyone's right to face their accuser in a fair and just manner, where everyone is innocent until proven guilty. He even had a family friend's swift suspension from the ski team, for chewing tobacco, overturned to mount a proper defense to the school board. Something that didn't make him the most popular person in our small town. But some of his most rewarding work came in the latter stages of his career, representing young children as guardian ad litem, making sure that their wellbeing and rights were protected during difficult family times. He called them "his children" and defended them as if they were.

As a loving father he was tough but fair. He pushed us to be the best at whatever we chose to do, giving us the opportunity to experience the vast world even though he wasn't going anywhere. He loved Maine, raking the leaves, making maple syrup, plowing snow (who doesn't love that), after-dinner kick ball games with The Four Seasons and The Beach Boys blasting on eight-track.

When it came to holidays, he was a kid at heart but loving the act of giving much more than receiving.

We would snowshoe at Black Acre, a 40-acre plot overlooking Locke Mountain where we cut down our Christmas tree every year and somehow he always could pull off an elaborate surprise. He built a huge electric car race track and installed it the dining room between the time we went to bed and when we woke them early Christmas morning.

Mike O'Donnell knew many people but not too many understood him, as he was cut from a cloth of speak when spoken to and don't air your dirty laundry in public. But for the close friends he was loyal as a dog and found great joy with those bonds. No bond was closer than that of his wife and best friend Barbara Sue.

What we will remember and appreciate the most is his unwavering desire for his entire family to be happy.

He was always there when someone fell and encouraged everyone to strike out to take chances, try new careers and move too far off places. It worked, you did it your hard ass methods paid off. We hated hearing "go ask your father" but now and always, we wish we could.

No public remembrance service is planned.

By Sara Wright

Lavender for indoor growing?

I have loved lavender since I was a child. The violet blue flowers of English lavender (*L. angustifolia*) did well in my grandmother's gardens. I can remember her carefully trimming the small sage-green bushes after clipping off the deep violet blue fragrant flower spikes. The latter she took into the barn to dry hanging them from the beams.

When I was about six I made lavender sachets for my great aunts, aunts and my mother. My grandmother, a gifted seamstress who sewed many of my clothes and routinely made my grandfather's magnificent silk suits, always had time to teach her only granddaughter how to make the tiniest stitches. I carefully sewed the small squares together in sets of three anxious for the moment when I would stuff the heavenly violet blue blossoms into each sachet and sew up the small opening. The scent transported me into a place where time simply ceased to be... Even today when I smell lavender I think of my grandmother and this happy childhood memory.

As an adult I have been continuously frustrated trying to grow the bounteous bouquets that my grandmother once did. When I lived on the coast of Maine I could keep lavender alive over the winter, but it was so slow to leaf out that my impatience often got in the way of enjoying the plant. Each fall, I dutifully cut back the few spikes and hung them on the beams of my house until they lost their scent or became so dust covered I was forced to take them down.

Moving to the mountains of Maine was even more of a challenge when it came to growing lavender. I don't know how many plants I lost each winter to the cold but it was many years before I finally gave up, trying to keep one alive. I live in a valley that has a northeast exposure and I am quite certain that those plants, with one exception, were outraged by such inhospitable growing conditions. A few years ago, I had a mutant lavender plant that actually survived for about three years. I lost it two winters ago and made a firm commitment to myself that I would never grow this plant again...

And then, recently, I got trapped by a bountiful French lavender (*L. den-*

tata). I was shopping in the grocery store when the scent of lavender wafted towards me from a corner, forcing me to investigate its source. I came upon this lovely plant with her blue green sage-like leaves and touched a few to release more scent. I simply couldn't resist the pull so into my cart she went. The best part about this lavender was that the whole plant was coming into bloom in the fall when everything else was dying back. The soft fuzzy blue gray flower spikes were plentiful and just beginning to open. I had never tried to grow this particular lavender before so on impulse I decided to try to grow it indoors. What did I have to lose?

While researching this species (after buying the plant!) I was delighted to discover that Lavender dentata could be grown indoors successfully if given the right conditions. A good south facing window was the first requirement because this plant needed all the sun it could get. Supplemental light also helps. As soon as I got the plant home I re-potted it into a clay pot, not much larger than the plant's root ball, which was already soaking wet. I winced. I already knew that plastic would retain water and rot the root system. As the literature suggested, before putting the plant in a clay pot, I made sure that I selected the right size - a pot that was only one to two inches larger than the plant's root system.

Lavender is a Mediterranean plant, which basically means that it doesn't like rich soil, so I added sand to the bottom of the pot to support good drainage. The literature suggests using limestone gravel. I placed the root ball in the pot where it touched the sand and filled in the rest of the pot with untreated soil. I watered my lavender thoroughly and put it in the window and waited until the plant indicated that it needed more water. Sure enough, the lavender let me know by having a couple of her cottony unopened buds droop. I watered her well and counted the days - about five - in between watering, noting that as the sun's declination increased I would probably be watering less and less. The directions for growing that I liked best suggested that I also add a finely ground egg shell to the base of the plant to add more lime to the mix. This made good sense, so I did that too. I have repeated this process monthly. I am happy to say that so

far my lavender is doing just beautifully and has produced even more buds than she had when I first got her. The open flowers are larger and fuzzier than those of the English lavender but I like their texture and the soft blue gray color.

It's too soon to tell if this plant will do well over the winter but I feel optimistic. Every time I walk by my lavender I touch her leaves to release some scent and to let her know through touch that I appreciate her initial response to my care. The literature also reminds me to be realistic! The goal of wintering over this plant is to keep it alive until I can put her outdoors in the spring after all danger of frost has passed.

There are a couple of other lavenders that apparently also grow well indoors. Canary Island and fern leaf Lavender are two other recommended varieties that I am not familiar with.

Lavender probably originated in the Mediterranean, Middle East and India about 2500 years ago. Surprisingly this plant belongs to the mint family; I would have thought that it might be related to the sages. Lavender was considered one of the holy herbs and is mentioned in the biblical "Song of Solomon."

The Greeks and Romans used lavender to scent their baths, beds, clothes and hair. They are also reputed to have discovered its medicinal properties.

Today, lavender is grown commercially to extract oil from its flowers and leaves. The oil is obtained through a distillation process.

The oil is used as a disinfectant, an antiseptic, and as an anti-inflammatory agent. It is also used in aromatherapy. Some sources suggest using the flowers for internal medical conditions like indigestion and heartburn; others suggest that lavender delivers a slightly sweet flavor to salads and soups.

I know from personal experience that lavender oil can soothe some kinds of headaches when applied to the temples. It is also reputed to help with relaxation and sleep. One study published in 2010 suggested that it does alleviate anxiety and sleep related disturbances. There is growing evidence that lavender oil may be an effective treatment for several neurological disorders.

Lavender can freshen the air in any room and I am looking forward to enjoying the scent of fresh lavender all winter long.

Births

BROOKS

Travis and Justine Brooks of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Hayden Carver Brooks, born Nov. 2, 2016 at 1:51 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Barry and Claire Carver of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Barbara Brooks of Bethel and Jack Brooks of Norway.

Hayden joins a brother, Chase Brooks, 2.

OCRCC plans responder training

James Miclon, director of the Oxford County Regional Communications Center, said at Tuesday's Oxford County Commissioners' meeting that he and Deputy Director Geoff Inman will hold a training session for first responders on the proper use of the center's radio and explain why it sometimes takes a while for the center to respond to questions. The one-hour training program will allow them to keep tabs on inappropriate uses of the radio, he said. Until responders are officially trained, it's hard to fault them for any errors, Miclon said. Those who complete the training will receive a certificate. Miclon and Inman will begin contacting fire departments in the area to present the program, which is tentatively set to begin in December. M. Daigle/Sun Media

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5:30 Pregame
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33 years and I wouldn't change a thing. Thanks for all you do! Love, Pete

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There will be a rabies clinic on Saturday, December 3, 2016, at the Bethel Fire Station from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The fee for the rabies shot is \$16.00. **PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN CASH ONLY!**

A staff member from the Bethel Town Office will be available to license dogs for Bethel, Albany and Mason residents. Licensing fees are \$11.00 per dog or \$6.00 per spayed or neutered dog.

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